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The P. C. Editor Says:

Davey Blanton arrived from his birthplace near Sikeston on December 17, to become a member of the C. L. Blanton Jr., household and to comfort the three children, Mary Eugenia, Charles and Allen, in the loss of Brownie Blanton, who was killed in an automobile accident. Davey is a mixture of collie and spitz and is quite young but a few months of age will make him into the ideal playmate for three children.

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A gentleman cruising in the Mediterranean wrote home to his son: "I am now standing on the edge of the precipice from which the ancient Spartans flung their defective children; I am sorry you are not with me."—Montreal Star.

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An army wedding does not necessarily mean the display of flags, the drawing of swords and the presenting of arms, but one shot gun in the hands of the right party sometimes binds the ties that makes them man and wife whether they live happily together forever after.

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We asked Bildad Botts, our eminent research expert, what caused so much unrest in prosperous, well-fed America. Reports just turned in by his nationwide organization put the blame on too much research. Thirty-seven million women said they were happy with electric refrigerators they had wheedled their husbands into buying until research artists in factories discovered a way to make refrigerators produce three-cornered cubes instead of square ones Sixteen million other women said their contentment was complete until milliners discovered ways to make hats look ever funnier than the ones they had been so proud of. Twenty-nine million other people attributed their unhappiness to the sight of neighbors driving around in cars with tail lights an inch higher up. Asked what influence on human contentment medical research was exerting, the old scientist said none at all. Pressed for particulars, he stated that sick people were content to worry along with the same sort of quinine, calomel and vitamens, provided their clothes or ice cubes or car lights were the latest things from style research laboratories. We consider this an important contribution to something or other.—Paris Appeal.

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Congress passed the first patent act on April 10, 1790.

AAA Names 1941 Corn Areas and Allotment Acreages

A commercial corn area for 1941 consisting of 623 counties—just 24 more counties than the former designation—was announced early this week by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard. The allotments within these 623 counties for 1941 amount to a total of 37,300,000 acres.

This total acreage is the same as that for 1940, the difference between the 1941 and 1940 allotments being represented by the acreage alloted to 24 new counties in Eastern States for 1941. This does not mean, however, that all state, county, and individual farm allotments in the 1940 commercial area will remain the same, since state and county allotments reflect trends in corn planting and farm allotments reflect in farming operations.

The commercial corn area includes all counties which have produced an average of at least 450 bushels of corn per farm and four bushels of corn per acre of farm land during the past 10 years. It also includes bordering counties containing townships which meet these sperifications.

State and county corn allotments will be announced in the near future, and individual farm allotments are expected to be distributed by county AAA committees soon after January 1.

The national acreage goal for corn will be the same as the goal of 88 to 90 million acres in 1940. This national goal includes the acreage outside the commercial corn area, where corn is grown largely for home use, plus the allotment in the commercial area where the Nation's commercial corn is normally produced.

In announcing the corn allotment, officials said that the abundant reserve supply of corn in the Ever-Normal Granary, and anticipated higher yields and reduced export outlets for meat products, a 1941 corn acreage equals to that for 1940 will assure ample supplies under any conditions. A reduction in the 1941 acreage undoubtedly would have been recommended under normal conditions, officials said.

The corn carryover on October 1, 1940, is estimated at 701 million bushels, of which approximately 475 million bushels is stored under loan on farms or owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation. This compares with a 10-year (1930-1939) average carryover of 255 million bushels.

In arriving at the allotment, some allowances was made for the steady increase in corn yields that has characterized the last few years. The national average yield for the last four years has been approximately five bushels per acre higher than in the preceding five years. This is attributed to the use of hybrid seed corn and improved machinery and to the retirement of poorer land from corn under the AAA program.

Normal production on the allotment, officials said, will enable farmers to produce fully up to the Nation's present corn needs. Allowance has been made for consumer living standards equal to those of the 1920-29 period, for an adequate emergency reserve, and for the probable effects of the European war on exports of corn and corn-fed animals.

Modernize and Make It Pay . . Here's How

(Above) Unsightly brick and plaster were covered and partitions eerected with three-eighth inch seamless gypsum wallboard to convert a dingy basement corner into this delightfully modern game room. Lined panels of paper placed helter-skelter on three walls and a fourth wall finished in a light tint with cheap and easily applied water-paint give the room a decorative scheme which is at once modern and distinctive.

GUEST ROOM

Linda Whitney is the charming guest (at right) in this smartly styled bedroom wrought from a disused porch. Barren board siding and porch enclosure walls were deftly concealed by an inexpensive overlay of sheetrock wallboard nailed directly over the old wall. While any sort of decoration might as readily have been used, two walls of this room were papered in bold, large pattern and the other two were painted in a solid color to suit the modern motif of the furnishings.

Don't tear the house down if suddenly you've realized it lacks the modern swing. Think a while, your finances may not stand rebuilding or even the cost of building additions. Nor is it very likely you can spare half the living room for a game room or give up the dining room to create an extra extra bedroom.

But you may be over-supplied with waste space in the attic, the basement or a dingy extra porch. With the new materials and methods at hand these days, remodeling is simple. Any builder or family handyman can make rooms just grow—at cost that shouldn't strain any budget.

Question Series Gives Data on Corn Loan Requirements

Questions and Answers printed below represent authoritative information supplied to the papers by the Missouri State AAA Committee cooperating with the New Madrid County Committee:

Question: What is the maximum moisture content that the corn may have and still be eligible for a loan?

Answer: Corn must not contain more than 20½ percent moisture if stored in a crib not wider than the recommended width for the county.

Question: What is the recommended width of cribs in New Madrid County?

Answer: Eight feet.

Question: May corn be sealed in cribs wider than those recommended?

Answer: Yes, provided the maximum content of the corn is reduced 1 per cent for each foot or fraction of a foot that the crib exceeds the recommended width.

Question: What are the other requirements for eligible corn?

Answer: Corn, to be eligible for a loan, must be husked in the ear and must grade No. 3 or better on the basis of a representative sample taken from each crib to be sealed.

Question: How are the contents of a crib of corn computed for the purposes of the corn loan program?

Answer: The contents of the crib are computed on a basis of a bushels for each 2½ cubic feet of corn when the moisture content does not exceed 15½ per cent. If the moisture content exceeds this figure a deduction of 2 per cent from the number of bushels in the crib will be made for every per cent of moisture above 15½. For example: Corn testing 19½ per cent to 20½ per cent will draw a deduction of 10 per cent in quantity. The loan rate does not change.

Cattle and Hog Outlook Improoved, Farmers Are Told

Beef cattle and swine producers met at New Madrid last Monday to be told that the 1941 Outlook is for improved domestic demand for farm products, smaller exports, higher average of prices and a larger total cash income from farm marketing.

Basing its assumptions on the probability that (1) the war will continue through 1941; (2) the U. S. will not become directly involved in war; and (3) that there will be no drastic changes in the present government policy with respect to agriculture, unemployment, and prices, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, headed in Missouri by Gordon B. Nance, formerly County Agent in New Madrid County, estimates that the following conditions will prevail in 1941 compared to 1940.

1. An increase of about 10 per cent in industrial production.
2. An increase of about 9 per cent in employment.
3. An increase of about 13 per cent in the national income, and of about 6 per cent in the farm income.
4. An increase of about 8 per cent in both the general price level and in farm prices.
5. A decrease of about 10 per cent in number of hogs marketed and 10 to 15 per cent increase in selling price of hogs.
6. Cattle prices higher—same for sheep, lambs and wool.
7. Higher prices for poultry and eggs.
8. Slightly higher prices for feed grains.
9. Large supply and curtailed exports of cotton.
10. Increase in prices of farm supplies and labor.

T. A. Ewing, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist followed County Agent Teal's presentation of the Outlook, with a discussion of feeding and breeding problems in beef cattle and hog production. The treating of horses and mules for bot control was also outlined by Mr. Ewing, who pointed out the need for cleaning legs and hair of bot eggs or nits, at least two weeks before treating. If this is done now, said Ewing, using cresol, or diluted kerosene, the capsule treatment to rid horses stomachs of bot grubs can be done with good results within 12 to 14 days. 28 men from 8 townships attended the meeting.

Missouri Demos Discuss Contest

Jefferson City, December 20.—The Democratic state chairman and national committeeman discussed with the elective state officials today the possibility of contesting Forrest C. Donnell's election as Governor.

State Chairman C. M. Hulen said no decision was reached at the meeting, which he termed "just a general discussion." James P. Aylward, Missouri National Committeeman and Hulen's predecessor as state chairman, attended the conference, which was held in the office of Secretary of State Dwight H. Brown.

Others at the meeting were Attorney General Roy McKittrick, Lieutenant Governor Frank Harris, State Treasurer Robert Winn and Treasurer-elect Wilson Bell.

There was Capitol conjecture today over the possibility a legislative contest of Donnell's 3613-vote victory over Lawrence McDaniel might automatically block the inauguration set for January 13. Some observers said if the contest were raised on the Legislature's own motion it would hold up Donnell's certificate of election.

In that event, they said, inauguration plans probably would be delayed because the inauguration—when the oath of office is administered—might be the equivalent of a formal proclamation of election.

DEVIL'S ISLAND CONVICTS BANNED FROM U. S.

Washington, December 20.—Immigration officials have refused to permit 28 prisoners who escaped from the French penal colony at Devil's Island to enter this country, it was learned today.

Informed persons said that the Coast Guard cutter Unalga would proceed to Miami, Fla., early next month to pick up eight of the prisoners and then to Puerto Rico to pick up the remaining 20 and take them to the French Island of Martinique.

The prisoners had worked their way north in small boats after escaping the penal area and sought admission to the United States.

DAUGHTER FROM HOSPITAL

Carolyn Jean Albritton, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Albritton, was returned Sunday in the Albritton ambulance from St. Francis Hospital, where she underwent treatment for scald burns received two weeks ago.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CHRISTMAS

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

HENINGTON PAINT AND TRIM COMPANY—HIGHWAY 61 NORTH, SIKESTON

Farm Bureau Has 368 Members in Madrid County

Three Hundred Sixty-Eight members were enrolled in the Farm Bureau as of December 18, according to J. W. Daugherty, New Madrid County Captain. With many solicitors still to report, the prospect for an enrollment of 500 or more for 1941 is now favorable, says Mr. Daugherty.

Leading townships include Como with 70, West with 54, Anderson with 50, and LaFont and Big Prairie with 44 each, Portage has 26, New Madrid 22, St. John 20, and Lewis has 16.

J. W. LaPlant has boosted St. John Township over the top by turning in enough memberships to equal the original quota of 20. West township needs only six more members to equal its quota of 60, and several other townships are beginning to drag close to the allotment assigned at the campaign work will close on Saturday, December 21, with a few prospects to be seen yet after that date.

The active membership sign up meeting on November 19.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION WITH PLUMBING PAYS

In no department of the household economy are the adages about stitch in time more applicable than to the plumbing system, says Miss Marion Talbot, of the department of household administration of the University of Chicago.

"The two most important things," Miss Talbot declares, "are undoubtedly to start right in the beginning with a simple and efficient drainage system of good materials, well put in, and to keep all fixtures in good condition by proper use and by constant watchful attention.

"The fixtures should not receive any material which is neither soluble in water nor easily divided into small particles by the water. Newspaper scraps in closets, matches, withered flowers, rags, hair, etc., may cause stoppage of the pipes."

HOSTS TO EMPLOYES OF IMPLEMENT FIRM

Mr. and Mrs W. E. Hedden were hosts at their annual Christmas party for employes of the Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co., Friday night at their home on Ruth Street. The following guests were invited: Mr. and Mrs. Walker Uht, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tetley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Milton, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Duckworth, Miss Hazel Dalman, Tommy Mathis, Miss Marie Marshall and Phillip Caverno.

"My Five Years as a Red Spy in Russia." Edmund Ruzanski, former GPU agent, reveals how the Soviet regime has debased its children and turned them into predatory packs of "homeless ones." Read how these unfortunates have become the "Shame of Russia," in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Chicago Herald-American.

Pensions for widows of the Revolutionary War were paid up to 1932.

CHRISTMAS

Robert A. Dempster
Attorney

For the City of Sikeston
Wishes you a Very

Merry Christmas
Healthy Prosperous
1941

SPECIAL DELIVERY

(A CHRISTMAS STORY)

By Roger Wheeler

EDITH'S drab room overlooked a snow-covered roof. Not the clean, cheery snow like they had back home on the farm but a murky gray covering on which rested soot of a thousand city chimneys.

"So this is Christmas," she moaned, leaving her chair to pace the floor. "Oh! What I'd give to be back home tomorrow!"

But then, Edith had two Christmas presents to which she could look forward. Today, Christmas eve, the mailman MUST bring her annual package from home. And tomorrow there would be Christmas dinner with Ken—dear Ken who was working so hard these days that he could hardly take time off to think about Christmas.

Edith heard the bell ring downstairs and she skipped to her door, opening it softly and waiting tensely while the old landlady, answered.

Yes, it was the mailman! And then came the shrill cry: "Miss Harris! Some mail for you!"

Edith practically leaped downstairs, for there would be her package from home. Then her heart sank, for the landlady handed her only two letters, a greeting card from her friend Margie and (of all things at Christmas!) a bill from the department store.

Edith climbed sorrowfully back to her room and wept. Something was wrong, for Mother and Dad never forgot her at Christmas. She cried spasmodically the rest of the day, while downstairs she heard the other roomers shouting Christmas greetings as they arrived and departed.

But finally Edith consoled herself, for she could still look forward to Christmas dinner with Ken tomorrow!

He was due at two o'clock that day, and after church Edith hurried home to get ready. At 1:30 she was seated restlessly awaiting the doorbell.

She was still waiting at 2:30, for Ken did not arrive. And Edith was getting hungry.

Three o'clock passed, and Edith frowned.

"What could have happened to him?' 'she asked herself.

At four o'clock she cried. It was too much! First her family had forgotten, and now Ken had chosen Christmas day to tell her in this painful fashion that he didn't care!

At 6 p. m. misery began mingling with the pangs of hunger. Edith put on her coat and started to the corner restaurant. But she never got past the door. There she ran into a breathless Ken.

"Edith, dear!" he cried. "Sorry to be so late, but I knew you'd understand when you got my note."

"But—" Edith was confused, "I didn't receive any note, Ken."

"What? But I sent a special delivery message when the boss asked me to finish that laboratory experiment this afternoon. What happened to it?"

The blundering old landlady answered him.

"Please come in or go out, and close the door," she barked from the hall. Then—

"Incidentally, Miss Harris, I forgot to give you these things. They arrived this afternoon."

She handed Edith the missing special delivery letter—and a huge package from home! Edith tore into the Christmas box and found a note from Mother. They'd had a blizzard; couldn't get to town; she hoped Edith would get the package Christmas day.

A few minutes later a happy Edith sat across the table from her Ken in the little restaurant around the corner.

"And now, dear," he began very carefully. "How about your Christmas present for me?"

"But I gave you the fountain pen, Ken," she protested.

"Yes, silly one, and I appreciated it. But if you want to make me still happier, listen to this. The boss came in tonight and said I'd done such a fine job on that research project that he was raising my salary. Know what that means?"

"Not the faintest idea," Edith lied. For, after all, you can't take the words out of a man's mouth when he's about to propose!

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

WHEN I WAS A BOY

When I was a boy everybody was on a common level so far as tablecloths were concerned. In the homes of the rich, as in homes of the poor, oil cloth ones were used, white oil cloth with dark blue lines or figures. Children got mighty tired of them, probably because of the peculiar odor oil cloth never seemd to be without.

The matter of spilling or dropping things on the tablecloth was not so serious then as now, for after every meal all the dishes would be taken off and the cloth gone over with the wet dishrag, thus removing everything which marred its surface.

Eventually, linen tablecloths came on the market. All those who had wealth or social ambitions bought at least one. The poorer families, including ours, soon began to feel that life was not worth living without a red tablecloth, so my mother bought one. Like other families, however, we used that red tablecloth only on big occasions. Always before the company came there was a lecture on tablecloth etiquette, coupled with warnings about dropping butter, gravy or anything else on the fine, clean, stiffly starched one that was about to be placed at our mercy. Nine times out of ten the red tablecloth got the worst of it. The culprits who overturned their coffee or soup or gravy or vegetables, which some of us usually did in our nervous efforts to be careful, were very unpopular and given lowbrow ratings for days to come, as ma and the girls used much store soap in tubbing it and much starch and elbow grease in restoring it to its original condition.

Just as we finally got used too the red tablecloth a local family of wealth and social prestige astonished the natives and moved table etiquette to another standard by introducing napkins to match the red tablecloth. This was roundly condemned as a sissy innovation by all the poorer families. Men and boys swore by all that was holy they would never tolerate such useless and frivolous things. But they didn't reckon with ma and the girls. In due time every household which made any pretentions to respectability had a set of red napkins. As with the tablecloths, they were reserved for high company occasions, as a preliminary to which pa and the boys would be duly warned against making fool remarks or failure to use the little squares. Everybody tucked the napkin into the neck of dress or shirt, the idea being to have something besides clothes to catch whatever fell while being lifted to the mouth or which could be listed under the head of overflow. Most of the men of that day wore whiskers. The red napkin formed an artistic background for the shorter and thinner ones.

Another evil followed in the wake of the red tablecloth and the red napkin. It was fashion's decree against eating with the knife. Tsis caused more wicked remarks from the men and more weeping from wives and daughters who wanted to ktep up witn the procession than any other evil incident to the progress of etiquette during that era. Pa and the boys in every household not only denounced it as a fool and frivolous society innovation but argued that eating with a fork was an impossibility. Everywhere mothers and daughters demonstrated how to do it and argued that it really was easier to transfer elusive things like peas and beans to the mouth with a fork than with a knife. Gradually, and with more grumbling, the men and boys yielded to feminine tongues and tears and the fork came into fairly common use for everything except pie. Here the obstinate ones took their stand and denied all the women in creation to drive them from it. They got away with it, too, until company came, on which orrasion Ma and the girls insisted on serving pie and on clearing the table of all tools except the forks. Between warning glances from the women and a choice between eating that pie with a fork or not eating it at all, the men gradually fell victims to feminine strategy and did the best they could with the fork.

I recall with interest that the custom of eating pie with a fork still had a good deal of masculine oppoosition when the late Ad Deaver was first elected collector of Monroe County. As was the practice at that time, the collector visited every town and village for the convenience of the people. The Paris editors always accompanied him in search of business and news. At nearly every stop they were invited to big dinners in local homes, in most of which the pie was served with only a fork. Always Mr. Deaves would ask for a knife and lates would tell the eritors that the women did not live who sohld pht sissy stuff like that over on him. He got along very well until he and the editors were invited to dinner at the Dingle home out at Tulip. Mrs. Dingle had table linens, dhina, lutglass and silver that would have been a credit to the White House, and was a most lovely and gracious hostess. It soon became apparent that she had Deaver at her mercy and the editors watched with interest for what would happen when the pie and fork rourse was reached. After casting one helpless, appealing glance towards the smiling hostess, he picked op his fork and did his duty. Later in the day he acknowledged that he had done wrong and wondered if he ever would live it down.

But table etiquette did not end with masculine surrender to red tablecloths, red napkins and the practice of eating with the fork. The worst was yet to come. It was Scciety's decree against drinking coffee from the saucer. No war or rumor of war ever caused so much rebellious talk among the men but, as with other fads on which ma and the girls had set their hearts, the cherished practice and time-honored custom of drinking coffee from the saucer was gradually given up by most of the men. As with eating peas with a knife there was real art and skill in the handling of a saucer that was full of coffee.

The blow which about killed father and the boys was the one ma and the girls administered with the finger bowl. The men won at least a partial victory by first humiliating the womenfolk by drinking all the water out of the fingerbowl. A compromise finally was reached by the terms of which the pesky thing was only to be started around the table when company of the highest social standing was being entertaintd.—Jack Blanton in Paris Appeal.

Last year, 592 horse-drawn carriages, buggies and sulkies were manufactured in the United States. Also 30,720 horse-drawn farm wagons and trucks were built.

Merry Christmas

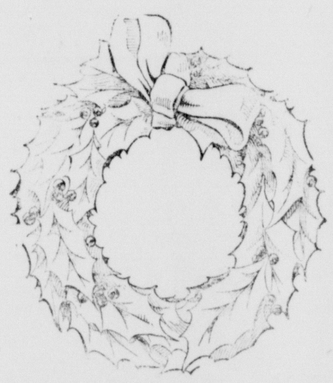
Soft cotton toys with chenille outer coats make an ideal Cotton Christmas gift for the small child. This Scotty dog and big teddy bear, are so made that a child may cuddle them without danger from sharp points or hard surfaces.

A Friendly Greeting
TO YOU
Our Friends and Customers

It's the Season to be friendly, Happy, and contented . . . . may this be your experience this Christmas and every Christmas.

The Vogue Beauty Shop
Mrs. Gladys Reed
Florence Withrow, Edna Mae Reed

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

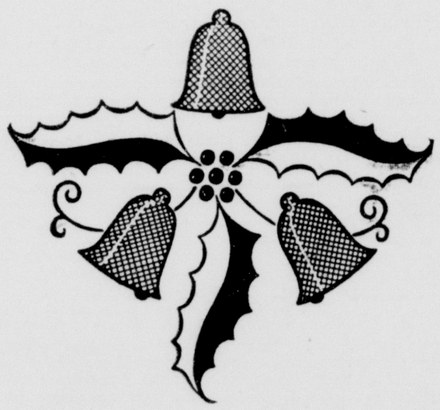
Treasured

Above all other things in our memory at this Christmas is the thought of the splendid associations with friends of this institution that have made it possible for us to enjoy a very satisfactory year.

Please accept the kind wishes of every member of our organization for a joyous Yuletide and a New Year of Health and Progress.

R. D. CLAYTON
"The Mule Man"

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

...The best for you and yours is the sincere wish of every member of this firm. Our Christmas present has already been received...your fine patronage all year and during the Holiday Season has made us happy at Christmas time. So, please accept our thanks along with this Greeting.

AND BEST WISHES FOR
A Happy New Year

F. & M. OIL CO.
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Norton's SHOE STORE SIKESTON, MO. SHOE STORE WISHES EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Questions and Answers

Q. How are FHA insured-mortgage loans repaid?

A. In monthly installments. The size of the payment and the length of repayment time depend to some extent on how much the borrower can afford to pay regularly out of income.

Q. When must an application be made for an FHA insured-mortgage loan?

A. The application must be submitted and plans approved before construction is started.

Q. Should there be any special difference in plan between houses built in a northern or southern climate?

A. In the North houses are usually built with a compact plan which makes them more easily and economically heated in Winter weather. Living rooms should be located to receive as much sunlight as possible, and protection should be provided against cold Winter winds by means of buildings, trees, or storm sash. In the South cross-ventilation is more important for comfort than economy in heating. A compact plan is less essential, and houses should be designed located to take advantage of the prevailing Summer winds. Protection from the sun may be obtained through the use of trees, window blends, awnings, or other means.

HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT PLUMBING?

How much do you know about plumbing? There are many interesting facts about this important industry that are unknown to the average person.

For instance, did you know:

That the word "plumber" comes from the Latin word "plumbarius" which means a worker in lead? Rome had its plumbers for its great public baths as well as for the installation of running water systems in private houses. Practically every house that has been excavated at the site of Herculaneum and Pompeii had running water.

That green is the most popular color for the modern bathroom and that the sales of colored plumbing fixtures have increased over 200 per cent in the last two years.

That there are nearly 300 feet of concealed piping in the walls and under the floors of the average two-story house?

That the cost of an additional or second bathroom for a new house is less than the cost of the first bathroom? This is due to the fact that there has to be a certain amount of piping in the house anyway whether there is one bathroom or a dozen.

That a house with two bathrooms is more salable than a house with one bathroom, and that some banks will not lend money on houses with only one bathroom?

That chromium which is used to plate faucets, traps, shower heads, etc., is 65 per cent as hard as the point of a diamond?

That an enamel of flint-like hardness has been developed which is acid-resisting? Ordinary enamel is damaged by the acids gsounds, potato pelings, etc., but acid-resisting enamel will retain its original gloss and finish almost indefinitely.

That the newest sinks are made with a metal stopper which holds the water in the deep eight-inch compartment so that it is no longer necessary to use a dishpan?

That most leaks in faucets are caused by water-cutting of the faucet seat? Water-cutting results from failure to turn the faucet far enough to prevent dripping.

That rooms in the house in that it is the one room which is almost completely furnished and ready to use when a family moves into a new hoose?

That the shower bath has been called the modern Fountain of Youth because of its invigorating effort?

That the plumber doesn't forget his tools, but sometimes has to go back because the customer was unable to clearly explain what was wrong?

That the completely equipped plumbing shop contains more than 300 tools, valves, fittings, etc. all ready for emergency repairs?

That with the advent of plumbing fixtures in color, the bathroom has become the most beautiful and distinctive room in many new houses?

A SMALL AD

But the sentiment we are trying to express in it is a large quantity, for we wish every one of our hundreds of customer-friends a very merry Christmas.

Rustic Rock Inn

Rendezvous by X

HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had

Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wracked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve.

"Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?"

Peter fumbled with his grease-stained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later.

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the car move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

After awhile he fell asleep.

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CONTEST NOT DECIDED

So far as we have been able to learn the Democratic state committee has not yet definitely decided whether to contest the election of Forrest Donnell, Republican, as governor of Missouri. On the face of the returns Donnell was elected over Lawrence McDaniel by a majority of 3613 in a vote of over 1,800,000. Harry S. Truman was elected to the United States senate by about 45,000, and all other Democrats on the state ticket were elected by majorities ranging from 50,000 to more than 100,000.

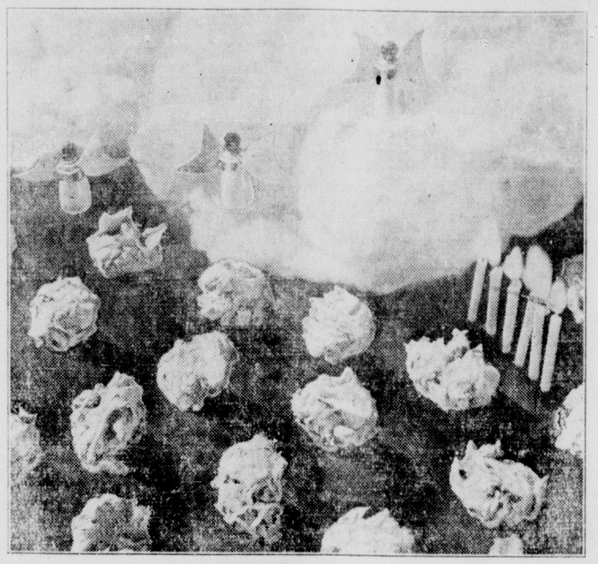
The results indicates that the Republican party concentrated on the governorship, and much of the huge sum spent by the G. O. P. in Missouri undoubtedly was used in an effort to defeat McDaniel. The Democratic state committee has uncovered reports of irregularities in many counties and has an imposing array of evidence to lay before the legislature in the proposed contest.

The Hatch act was successful only in preventing Democratic federal officeholders from taking any active part in a campaign in which they were vitally interested. The amendment to the Hatch act purporting to prohibit individual campaign contributions of more than $5000, which was adopted by congress last July, proved to be a colossal joke. It was easily circumvented by rich Republicans using other members of their family as dummies in making contributions to the Republican campaign fund. Also the limit of $5000 was construed as not applying to contributions made to state or local committees.

Taking advantage of the law's weakness, the Republican organization in Missouri received $22,000 from the family of John Pew, Republican leader of Pennsylvania, and $19,875 from the family of Bertram B. Culver of St. Louis, president of the Wrought Iron Range Company. Each contribution in the name of a member of these families was less than $5000. Edgar M. Queeny, president of the Monsanto Chemical Company was shown by the reports to have contributed $5250 in two contributions and his wife gave $1000.

It is said the Democrats have also discovered evidence showing several counties as polling too many votes in proportion to their population. A widespread distribution of money could easily account for this. At any rate whatever evidence of fraud the Democratic committee has compiled should be reported to the state legislature for whatever action may be deemed necessary. — Missouri Democrat.

It's Delightful - Delovely -- Divinity!



YOU'LL think you're in heaven when you taste this made-to-Christmas-order candy, fitten food for angels and poor mortals alike. Coffee lends its flavor to this out-of-the-ordinary divinity, and the result is out of this world. Clip this recipe, by all means, for a holiday candy that approaches immortality:

Coffee Divinity

2 cups sugar
1 cup double-strength, freshly-made coffee
½ cup white corn syrup
⅛ teaspoon salt
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
⅔ cup chopped nutmeats

Combine sugar, coffee and corn syrup in a saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking without stirring until a firm ball is formed when a small amount is dropped in cold water or (265° F.) registers on the candy thermometer. Remove from heat. Add salt to egg whites and beat until stiff, slowly add coffee syrup beating constantly. Continue beating until candy will hold its shape. Add vanilla and chopped nutmeats. Drop from spoonfuls onto waxed paper or turn into an oiled pan and cut into squares. Makes 1¼ pounds.

To Discuss Pasture Improvment at Soils-Crop Meet

The production and proper utilization of both permanent and supplementary pastures in a balanced pasture system will be discussed at this year's Soils and Crops Conference at New Madrid on January 9 says Arline Avery Chairman of the County Soils and Crops Conference Committee. Mr. Avery says that since thousands of acres in New Madrid County are devoted to pasture, and since pasture furnishes the cheapest livestock feed, and conserves soil better than cultivated crops, the committee in charge of arrangements for this conference feels this is a timely topic. An example of how good returns may be secured from pasture farming and the use of legume crops is seen in the experience of Ralph Hubbard, Lilbourn, Route 1. Mr. Hubbard finds he can produce beef and pork through the efficient use of a good pasture system and at the same time reduce the amount of labor required per unit of production, and leave his land in a much higher state of fertility. Mr. Hubbard has been asked to give a report on what pasturing means to him, at the Soils and Crops Conference at New Madrid on January 9. Other methods of handling crops adapted to the farms in New Madrid county, so as to produce a maximum amount of pasture and return on livestock during the year, will also be discussed.

IT'S UP TO THE DEMOCRATIC SOLONS

The Sixty-first General Assembly of Missouri, which will convene in Jefferson City in January, will be one of the most important legislative sessions in state annals. Confronted with the giant task of revising old and enacting new legislation, in addition to the transaction of routine duties, the forthcoming biennial meeting bids fair to be a lengthy, exacting and somewhat trying event.

As in recent years, the 1941 Legislature will be decisively Democratic. The dominant party will have 85 out of the 150 seats in the House and at least 28 out of the 34 seats in the Senate. Whatever legislation is enacted, will be written upon the statute books by Democratic consent. Whatever legislation is defeated, will be relegated to the grave because of Democratic disapproval.

In simple language, the good emanting from the approaching Assembly will be of everlasting credit to the Democratic Party, while responsibility for the evil will justly be deposited at its door. The opportunity for marked party advancement by real and honest service rests with the Democratic solons, but accompanying that responsibility is an equal one for placing the party in a most unfavorable and discreditable position by the enactment of unnecessary, unimportant and ruinous legislation.

One of the most necessary happenings in order to recommend the Democratic Party to the voters two years from now is a very successful, industrious, economic and harmonious session of the Legislature convening in January. If the session is devoted to the economical passage of wise legislation, and if the various Democratic branches of the State Government work in unison for the common good, then great will be the glory which redound to the Democratic Party. But if the session is marked by extravagance, procrastination, bickering and jealously, and few achievements, then the Legislature will prove a costly liability to the Democratic Party, and the party will be held liable for its shortcomings in 1942.

If there ever was a time when Missouri needed a judicious, trustworthy and beneficial Legislature it is now. All loyal Democrats, within and without the Assembly, are honor bound to strive for that attainment.

SGT. DACE SUBSTITUTING IN TROOP E COMMAND

Sgt. Melvin Dace of Sikeston is in charge of Troop E of the State Patrol, at the Poplar Bluff headquarters, for the two weeks until the first of the year while Troop Sgt. O. L. Wallis is on vacation. Sgt. Wallis was placed in command of the troop when Capt. A. D. Sheppard was made acting superintendent in Jefferson City.

On a very hot day, the air is not as dense as on a cool day.

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Powder Buff Beauty Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

It Was 51 Years Ago

That we first said "Merry Christmas" to our friends in this community. Each year it has given us greater pleasure, because each year has seen new additions to our list of friends and customers.

Today, as on our first Christmas here, we are glad of the privilege to send Season's Greetings to each of you. Today, as every year before this, we sincerely wish for you and yours a new year that will mean continued happiness and prosperity.

May new pleasures and joys be yours.

Scott County Milling Co.

Millers of Juanita Flour
Manufacturers of Gristo Feeds

This Christmas and Every Christmas

WE look forward to sending you our sincere good wishes for a happy Holiday. It is a pleasure to us because it gives us an opportunity to thank you for all you have done for this firm.

Your have been liberal in your patronage, your friendship and good will—the combination of which spells progress for any organization.

You have been good to us—may Santa be just as good to you.

Happy New Year !!

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Different Light for Different Needs

We turn indoors now for many of our pleasures as well as our everyday living; and light, artificial light, becomes very important.

Light is a fascinating subject as it may make or mar the beauty of your house; clothe you in beauty or—awful thought—bring out your defects; be a comfort to your eyes, or be harmful to your eyes. So let's discuss the different uses you should make in light by classifying them to suit your needs. There is Light for Conversation, Light for Reading and Sewing. Light for Dining, Light for Writing and Study, Light for Games, Light for Dressing. Today let's take the first three beginning with:

LIGHT FOR CONVERSATION . . .

When you are talking with friends, or listening to the radio, you obviously only need enough light to make your surroundings pleasant and cheerful. For this you require what is known as general illumination—given by indirect lighting, by the right kind of sidelights supplemented by some

Note light will fall on your book

lamps, or entirely by lamps, judiciously placed at different points in the room. Use what amounts to 125 watts to 150 watts distributed around the room: two 60 watts in a lamp near chair (only turned on), two 25 watts in sidelight of ceiling fixture (both turned on), and a couple of 40 or 60 watts in other lamps.

LIGHT FOR READING

Do you have good reading lamps in your living room, conveniently near the comfortable chairs and sofa where you and your family sit and read? Or do you have to move your chair or yourself to the one good lamp in the room? Sit in each chair and sofa and make notes as to whether the light in each spot is adequate or not. If it isn't you are depriving yourself and your family of comfortable relaxation and are taxing that most valuable possession—your eyesight. A reading lamp for the table should be 23 inches high and should contain two 60 watt bulbs. Or use floor or table I. E. S. lamps with the broad shade and inner bowl which throws light both to ceiling and on the book without glare. In such lamps if they have the 100, 200 and 300 watt type of bulb, you can turn the switch up for reading and down for general illumination.

LIGHT FOR DINING

For dining, as for conversation, a pleasant diffused light is desirable. Use one of the indirect lighting fixtures which throw the light to the ceiling and allow only a soft glow to fall upon the table, and your eyes. Or, in a period room, a chandelier with candle bulbs.

For direct light on the table nothing is so pretty or attractive as two or four candles. In small houses with wide opening from living room to dining room there is often sufficient "general illumination" from the living room and only candles are needed on the table.

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CITY COAL CO.

Ralph Loebe

Moving Day Nears For Stark

Jefferson City, December 21.—Packing boxes dotted the spacious rooms of Missouri's executive mansion.

Shipping tags for Louisiana, Mo., dangled from personal odds and ends.

In moments snatched from business, Gov. Lloyd C. Stark was just another householder this week, occupied with the tedious details of an approaching moving day.

Thus, in typical, well ordered hustle and bustle, neared the close of the most turbulent era in Missouri's recent Statehouse history.

TAKING OLD JOB

The businessman Governor who came out of Pike County four years ago to sow a whirlwind in Missouri's politics will return next month to the ranks of private enterprise. He is going home to take up an old job—chariman of the board of Stark Brothers' Nurseries.

Behind him he leaves the scattered remnants of a once-powerful machine that ran the state when he took office. He gives way to a Republican successor. He leaves a divided Democratic party of shrunken majorities. He leaves close friends—and some of the most bitter enemies any man ever made.

What does Stark think of it?

He ignores these things when he talks of his term of office. He regards the State Cancer Hospital at Columbia, Mo., as the outstanding achievement of his administration.

And what of the future.

APPARENTLY THROUGH

To outward appearance he seems through with politics—a word he never liked attached to his administration anyway.

"I'm going back into business," the retiring Governor said. "We're building a new home in Louisiana. I'm going back to work at the nurseries."

But rumors range the state that 1944 may find him back in the thick of the political wars. Many veteran Democrats confidently expect him to bid for the Senate seat of his one-time neighbor—now his worst political enemy—Senator Bennett Champ Clark.

Stark isn't talking of politics in these dying days of his administration. Nothing could be more anticlimactic than the close of his four-year term. Gone are the zip and crackle of his fight with Clark, with T. J. Pendergast and Senator Harry Truman.

Those who have seen him almost daily wonder if the years in the executive office have not mellowed Stark—a reserved, formal and aloof personality when he took office.

DISLIKE OF POLITICIANS

Apparently he will close his administration with the characteristics which brought him the cordial dislike of many politicians. He still works behind closed doors, meeting most visitors only through the appointment calendar of a secretary. He will leave Jefferson City almost as much a stranger to the Capitol corridors as he was the day he arrived.

But there have been changes. Reporters known that his press conferences are more relaxed and personal than they were at the outset. His conversation is easier. He is more readily available "after the office closes"—those evening hours when he once was almost beyond reach.

Much of the cold, methodical precision he brought to the executive offices has vanished in the twilight of the Stark regime.

Ford to Get Contract Despite Hillman Cry

Washington, Dec. 20.—The War Department has decided to override the recent heated objections of Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman and sign a $4,000,000 contract with the Ford Motor Co. for the manufacture of "pigmy trucks" authoritative Army sources disclosed Friday.

In doing so, the department will set down a far-reaching policy in regard to the defense program—that Government procurement agents are interested solely in obtaining material and not in passing judgment on any other issues.

Mr. Hillman demanded that the contract be rescinded, charging that the Ford Company had not lived up to labor regulations.

In overruling him, defense officials in effect held that whether the company had violated any labor laws was a question for the Departments of Justice or Labor or the courts to decide.

MARY EMMA ALLEN IS PARTY HONOREE

Miss Mary Frances Smith was hostess at a bunking party Friday night after the Red Pepper's dance, honoring Miss Mary Emma Allen, a student at Stephens College, Columbia, who is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents here. Tht guests were Misses Rosemary Putnam, Mary Ann Lankford, Betty Ruth Limbaugh, Betty Jane Taylor, Caroline Weltecke, Mary Emma Donnell, Ann Draughon and the honoree.

Ham & Eggs for Christmas

by RAY PARKS

FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's grilled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was, the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-by to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're comin'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind if I use your 'phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite wor-

"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

ried. Something was on his mind.

"Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

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Beginning of the New Year

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

The Standard $2 per year.

Hearty Young Appetites Demand Nourishing Food

"What? Hungry again!" Ravenous in the morning, hungry at noon, and empty as the bottom less pit at night! That's the problem every mother of growing children has to face. What to feed them and how much is a matter of real importance. First of all foods should be simplt and not too rich, there should be a plentiful supply of fresh vegetables, meat, fruits and simple desserts—with milk a major part of daily diet.

Breakfast should be substantial—particularly in cold weather so that energetic young bodies will have fuel enough to last till the noon meal. It should include fruit, a cereal, eggs and toast, and milk or hot cocoa.

Luncheon should consist of at least one hot dish—it makes the meal more interesting and attractive; it seems to improve indigestion, or least encourage eating all of the lunch and eating it less hastily. Better fed the children respond better to teaching, show improved deportment and a general increase in vitality. The hot dish might be a mixed vegetable soup, a stew or fish chowder with a milk pudding for dessert. Many mothers disapprove of the between meal snack—but if the proper food is offered after school to fill the aching void until dinner—there seems no reason for withholding it. Bread and butter and a glass of milk or a cookie or two are certain to be welcome. However, the reaction of the individual child to between meal "pickups" should determine whether or not the habit is a healthful one to follow.

Dinner may be a most attractive meal if such dishes as the following are featured. They are easy to prepare, economical and nutritious.

CREAM OF CARROT SOUP

Prepare enough tender young carrots to make two cups of small cubes. Cover with enough water to boil gently until tender. Add one medium size onion, two tablespoons of butter, one-half cup dried bread crumbs, three cups bouillion (meat or chicken), one teaspoon salt, one tablespoon sugar, one cup top milk or cream. Cook the onion slowly in the butter for five minutes. Add the crumbs and boullion, the liquid off the carrots, salt and sugar and simer 20 minutes. Add carrots and cream. Reheat to boiling.

LIVER EN CASSEROLE

One pound calf or beef liver (cut thick) 2 large onions, ½ green pepper, 1 stalk celery. Cut liver in cubes. Dice onions. Heat bacon, grease in pan, add liver and onions and sear. Then put in casserole. Add green pepper and celery. Now pour a can of tomato soup over all and add 1 can of water. Season to taste. Bake for 30 minutes.

Sikeston Standard, $2.00 per year.

Let's Have Muffins

The method of mixing all kinds of muffins is the same—dry ingredients sifted together first, the egg beaten until foamy and mixed with the milk and melted fat; and this liquid mixture added to the dry ingredients and beaten vigorously until they are just moistened. Do not try to make a muffin batter smooth. If fruits or nuts are to be added, save a tablespoon or two of the flour to coat them with. Cranberries are rolled in sugar first Mix a muffin batter as quickly as possible and void overstirring, as that causes the muffins to have peaks and tunnels. Warm the muffin pans a little and they will be easier to grease.

To be at their best muffins should be timed so they can be served as soon as they are baked. If you have any cold muffins left, they can be split, buttered, and toasted for another meal. Bake muffins in a hot oven for 20 to 30 minutes, depending on the size of the muffin.

PLAIN MUFFINS

2 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon sugar, if desired
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 to 4 tablespoons melted butter or other fat.

GRAHAM MUFFINS

1½ cups unsifted graham flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon melted fat.

OATMEAL MUFFINS

1 cup fine rolled oats
1 cup sifted flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon melted fat

CRANBERRY MUFFINS

1 cup cranberries
2 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoons baning powder
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
¾ cup milk
4 tablespoons of melted butter or other fat

Roll the cranberries in two extra tablespoons of sugar and fold into the batter. Do not stir the mixture any more than necessary.

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May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success as a reward for your every effort. You have been very considerate of this institution and have made possible our continued growth. For your kindness we wish to express our appreciation and to pledge anew our policy of even greater service to the community which we serve.

and Happy New Year!

DILLON THEATRE

Morehouse, Missouri

This Christmas is our First Anniversary and the management wishes to express Thanks for the large attendance.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Our Multitude of Friends and Patrons

GREETINGS

We are caught up in this great inspiring, helpful spirit of the Yuletide season. It is our wish that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you through the days and weeks and months of the New Year.

MAY YOUR MIND BE BRIGHTER; YOUR HEART BE LIGHTER AND MAY THE JOY OF GIVING AND THE PLEASURE OF A RICHER LIFE BE YOURS IN 1941

Because of your fine loyalty to this business since we have been open we send this word of Greeting for Christmas and the New Year and wish here also to express our sincere thanks and lasting gratitude to each of you

To Continue To Serve You is a Privilege We Seek and in Which We Will Find Pleasure

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Malone Ave.

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Front Street

CHARLES STEARNS
Meat Market

"SEVEN SINNERS" With MARLENE DIETRICH AND JOHN WAYNE DILLON THEATRE MOREHOUSE MISSOURI CHRISTMAS DAY MATINEE AND NIGHT ADM. 10c & 28c

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

The vertical stripes on the red jacket, the flexible bumper belt, and the hub-cap bag are all suggested by the Mercury Sedan, seen in background. Skirt is gray. The outfit was designed by E. T. Gregorie, of the Ford Motor Co. designing department, and is a highlight of the November issue.

Missouri Melange

Ice skaters of Liberty will be given an opportunity to more thoroughly enjoy this winter sport says the Advance in announcing city council cooperation in the flooding of a playground for that purpose. The city will furnish men and equipment and the water board will provide the water.

Frank L. Martin, Jr., son of Dean and Mrs. Frank Martin of Columbia has been named head of the Associated Press bureau at Hanoi, capitol of French Indo-China, according to the Tribune. Mr. Martin is enroute from Shanghai to his new post. He has been doing newspaper work for the Associated Press in the Orient for one year.

Distribution of pictorial stamps to promote tourist travel in Missouri has been approved by the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce tourist travel committee says R. A. Johnston Chairman, of Boonville. Fifty places of interest in Missouri noted for scenic and historical interest will be used. The stamps are part of a nine-point program to promote tourist trade and travel in Missouri.

Home grown tomatoes in December, were recently enjoyed by Editor S. S. Ball and family of the Kahoka Gazette-Herald who reports the contribution of two clusters of ripe tomatoes—one red and one yellow—each right off the vine.

A mule-footed hog is wanted by the Versailles Leader to fill a request from "Smoky" Bartram of the Morgan County Fair Board. Mr. Bartram has an order for such an animal and solicited the assistance of the Leader in locating one.

James Calvert, who sold the Dexter Messenger to E. P. Lewis and brothers in September, has purchased the Madison County Press in Fredericktown.

War on hawks is being waged by Macon county sportsmen, disgruntled by scarcity of quail, who recently contributed $68 to a bounty found. Henry Edwards, Bevier, president of the Macon County Conservation Federation heads the organization, which will pay twenty-cents per dead hawk delivered to the association.

Warrensburg has a new musical organization, the "Legion Chanters" directed by L. L. DesCombes says the Star-Journal, and their recent performance gave satisfaction and pleasure. Dr. Ellis said by way of introduction "If they can sing as well as they can fight, it will be worth listening to", and with additional training the Legion Chanters are bound to make good and be a community asset as a male chorus.

Twelve thousand trees have been ordered through the extension office by Mrs. Frank V. Van Horne and E. P. Coleman, Jr. of Sikeston and Anton Schaefer of Chaffee. With inclusion of tree planting as soil building practice under the agricultural conservation program, each farm is entitled to earn $15 soil building allowance.

A new short wave station belonging to Culver-Stockton College is on the air according to the Canton Record. The new station operates on the 160 meter and 10 meter bands.

Three thousand acres of land near Tribune, in Pulaski county has been purchased by the forestry service as a site for camp buildings of the proposed army training unit, according to forestry supervisor, James M. Diehl of Springfield. The land is in the Gasconade unit of Mark Twain national forest. Initial contracts totaling $8,428,670 have been let for camp building construction.

A contract for the erection of 185 miles of rural electrification lines in Newton, McDonald, Jasper and Barry counties has been awarded by the New-Mac REA Co-operative to the Hufford-Mosley company of Kansas City, reports the Cassville Democrat. Work on the 185 miles of electric lines probably will start about January 1. A major portion of the system will be in Newton and McDonald counties, but at several points the lines will extend into Jasper and Barry counties.

A Burglar for Christmas

by Roland Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gush of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slippered feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grrummph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

Jack reached for the telephone himself.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling, "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily.

"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a $500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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'Kissing Bandit' Given Parole

Jefferson City, Dec. 20.—Edna Murray, the Kansas City "Kissing bandit" who helped break up the Barker, Karpis and Dillinger gangs of midwestern desperadoes, was paroled from state prison today by Gov. Lloyd C. Stark. Hers was one of thirty-three Christmas paroles issued by the governor.

Mrs. Murray, now 41, four times married and three times a fugitive from the prison, had served fifteen years of a twenty-five year sentence for robbery. Two years had been tacked on to the sentence as results of the escapes.

Two reasons for the parole were cited in the papers. They were a federal recommendation of favorable action on the parole because of her "valuable testimony and assistance" and "strong indications that Ruth Singer was the real offender." Ruth Singer was not identified.

Mrs. Murray, who earned the "kissing bandit" label when she is reported to have planted a kiss on a robbery vicim, was taken from Missouri penitentiary four times for long periods to testify for the government in federal trials against gangsters.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES

A person who speaks often of what a fool he used to be hasn't changed as much as he thinks he has.

A woman can persuade a man to do almost anything for her if she doesn't tell him it is his duty to do it.

It may be that Chinese deserve some of their hard luck. They invented gunpowder, printing and civilization.

In these days and times a person who is wise will expect anything to happen, and then prepares for something worse than that.

Home study for school pupils is highly to be recommended, provided their parents do not try to help them. It is unwholesome psychologically for children to learn early in life how little their parents know.

Devil's Isle Escapees Renew Plea to U.S.

Miami, Fla., December 21.—Facing deportation next month to Martinique and fearful of death before a firing squad, seven escapees from France's Devil's Island Prison renewed their pleas today for freedom and a chance to fight in the forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The men, with a companion who is in the United States Hospital at Key West, made their way to Miami August 24 in a 30-foot sloop after a perilous voyage through the Caribbean. They have been held in Dade County Jail.

Yesterday they received the news that the Coast Guard cutter Unalga would take them some time in January, with 20 other escaped prisoners now in Puerto Rico, back to French-controlled Martinique.

"We are being sent to our deaths by a firing squad," said Jean Touzin, 43, of Vichy, a veteran of the French world war navy.

"We didn't intend to enter the United States. We were arrested and held here. And now the United States in sending us to sure death."

If they are freed the men have promised to enlist with De Gaulle's "Free French" forces or with the British.

It is estimated that business use of passenger cars exceeded 140,000,000 miles in 1939.

REMAINS FOUND OF ANIMALS ALIVE 70,000,000 YEARS AGO

New York Dec. 21.—Remains of crocodiles as big as dinosaurs and other gigantic creatures that infested the Big Bend area of Texas 70,000,000 years ago have arrived at the American Museum of Natural Histony, the museum announced today.

Dr. Barnum Brown, leader of the American Museum-Sinclair Dinosaur expedition of 1940, said he collected 22 tons of specimens which "will enable scientists to clarify the geology of the region and give a more complete picture of the prehistoric life in North America doring the age of reptiles."

Toland T. Bird of the American Museum, another member of the expedition, uncovered a trail of sauropod footprints 80 miles southwest fo Fost Wosth, Tex., believed to be the fist on secord.

TAKEN TO HOME

Mrs. Ralph McElroy and infant daughter were taken to the McElroy residence on Malone Avenue Friday in the Albritton ambulance.

The South American capybara is the world's largest rodent. It reaches a length of four feet.

And Best Wishes for the Merriest Kind of a Holiday Season to All
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Architect

christmas greetings

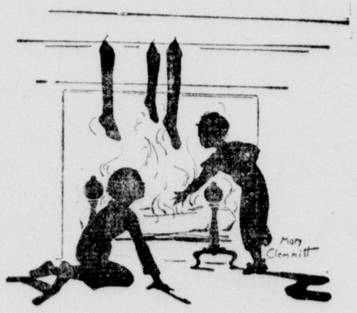
We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months.

THE PEOPLES STORE
Nathan Yoffie

Hang Up Your Stocking

And we'll fill it full of good wishes for each of you. Your good will during the past has enabled us to enjoy a record year and we are indeed very grateful.

Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you. May the New Year be filled with joy and prosperity.



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The longer we live, and the more we see of human life, the clearer it becomes that friendship is by far its greatest value. Men have risen to great heights of fame and been supremely lonely. Others have amassed large fortunes, or acquired great social prestige—and yet have been unhappy. All for want of real friends who lived them for themselves. But nearly every day we happen on some person of small means and little outward consequence who is getting solid pleasure out of life because he knows that others love and trust him. It takes no prophet to foretell what a joyous place this earth will be when—and if—that sort of friendship shall become life's universal pattern.

And the more we value friendship the more we value Christmas because it is the birthday of a spirit which can only lead to friendship among all who acquire it completely. A spirit of absolute sincerity—of absolute fairness. An uncritical spirit that searches for the beam in its own eye before it tries to locate the mote that may be in the other fellow's. A spirit of sympathy that never turns a deaf ear to other people's troubles—if they're real. A spirit of tolerance that renders unto Caesar whatever is his due. A spirit that abhors the showy type of holiness and judges the worth of other men by what they do and not by the poses they assume. A democratic spirit that makes friends of kindred spirits regardless of their calling or their rank. The value of Christmas lies in its recurrent reminder of this spirit as overpowering problems that beset the race today except in the adoption of that spirit by men of high and low degree, of every race on earth.

Which is just as large an order for ourselves as it is for any other creature. But whether or not our dealings with you have seemed to exemplify that spirit, our friendship has been genuine and we want you to know it. We thank you for your own friendly acts of the past year and wish you all happiness throughout the years to come. May 1941 be a year of pleasure and prosperity—the most worthwhile date in your experience.

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Twittys Honored at Plant-to-Prosper Rally in Memphis

Cash prizes of $100 for being Missouri winners in the 1940 Plant to Prosper contest in the tenant division, and $25.00 for first in the state in Home Improvement were presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Twitty, Lilbourn, at the Rally in Memphis last Tuesday, sponsored by the Commercial Appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Eiceman, Marston, county winner in the landowner division, and the Twittys also received honor certificates, for placing first in the county contest.

Miss Amy Kelly, State Home Demonstration Agent, and C. C. Hearne, State Extension Agent presented certificates and awards to Missouri winners.

Contestants and friends from four states, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi gathered 800 strong in Ellis Auditorium Tuesday morning to hear inspiring addresses by authorities of national importance. A luncheon at noon, Livestock Forum in the afternoon and the banquet at night rounded out a full day.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Twitty, and Mr. and Mrs. Eiceman were Marietta Twitty, Dicky Twitty, Harold Sloas, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sprenger, Commerce, third prize state winners, and County Agent Paul H. Teal.

Plum Pudding and Fruit Cakes Favorites

Now is the time to prepare your fruit cakes and plum puddings for the holidays. And here are recipes to assure the success of your efforts.

BAKED PLUM PUDDING

3 eggs
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon allspice
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1-3 cup molasses
3 tablespoons melted butter
2 cups milk
9 graham crackers, crumbled
1 cup raisins

Beat eggs, add other ingredients. Mix crumbled crackers with raisins and combine with first mixture. Bake in a moderate oven 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with hard sauce.

CASSEROLE FRUIT CAKE

1 cup dried apricots
¾ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
4 eggs, separated
1 cup seedless raisins
1-3 cup slivered candied cherries
1-3 cup candied orange peel
1-3 cup sliced citron
1-3 cup slivered almonds
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda

Cover apricots with cold water and boil one minute. Drain and slice coarsely. Then beat the shortening, sugar, egg yolks together until light. Stir in raisins and fruits. Sift flour, salt and soda. Add alternately with stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into well-greased casserole. Cover it. Bake in a very slow over 2 hours or longer.

FRUIT CAKE

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon each of nutmeg, allspice and cloves
½ cup orange juice
1 pkg. pitted dates
½ pound almonds (whole)
5 eggs
½pound candied cherries
½pound pecans (whole)
1 pound white raisins
¼ pound puffed raisins
½ pound candied pineapple
¼ pound citron
¼ pound orange and lemon peel, mixed
1 small glass cherry or grape jelly

Dredge fruit with the ½ cup flour. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs and beat thoroughly. Add dry ingredients alternately with orange juice and jelly. Combine with fruit. Turn into a well greased tube pan of 3 loaf pans. Line bottom of pan with paper. Do not smooth bater. Garnish and bake 3 to 4 hours at moderate heat.

Fixing Up Daughter's Room for Christmas

When daughter comes home for the holidays give her a surprise. Fix up her room for her as a Christmas present. Or, if she isn't off at school or college, take her into your confidence — as you must — and fix her room to her liking.

HELEN KOUES
Director of Good Housekeeping Studio

By asking a lot of questions, I found a few facts all girls agreed upon. If not sharing their room, they would like two single beds in it, so that they can ask a friend to stay with them. Even in a small room they want it. Then they want a desk of their own, and if not a desk, a table which can be arranged as one, with blotter, inkstand, dictionary, etc. A drawer is wanted if possible. A three way I.E.S. floor lamp placed between the bed and desk takes little space, and gives good light for reading in bed as well as writing at desk. In a small room more spaciousness can often be obtained by placing the beds, apart along opposite side walls of the room, and putting the table desk and lamp between them at their heads. Perhaps there is a window between the beds in front of which the table desk may be placed, giving a good light by day. This arrangement uses three wall space; on the fourth opposite the window center the bureau with a mirror above it.

As most rooms have two windows the chances are another window will come at the foot of one of the beds and a door to the hall on the opposite wall while the closet door is on the end wall to one side of the bureau. So much for the arrangement.

A table desk is arranged between two beds

Girls today have definite ideas about color and general atmosphere even more than the actual furniture. Therefore assuming that you will use the furniture wonders can be done with the walls, floor, curtains and bedspreads. No namby-pamby room for today's college girls. No indeed. They want something more sophisticated, a scheme that has dash and durability besides comfort. Wallpaper with a light ground will lighten a room if dark. On the other hand a light room may have painted walls of a chosen color, blue for instance, on the end walls perhaps with a light tone on side walls. Following the color scheme and remembering "no namby-pamby", use a rough-textured fabric of the same deep blue for the draw curtains and a blue inexpensive rug, relieved by a gay hooked rug in front of the bureau. Selection of correct bedspreads is important. They must stand hard wear and not soil easily. The durable, blue-and-white striped material shown in the photograph harmonizes well with the rose-colored cover of the overstuffed chair and the pad of the Empire chair at the table desk. One small structural change was made: double four-foot bookshelves were put on the side wall over each of the beds. If the double book shelf over one bed is sufficient it is well to leave it at that.

Pin-it-up crystal side lights flanking the bureau mirror give it needed light[illegible] the floor lamp by the desk. Be sure the room has adequate

Prosperity Notes

A new $59,000 school building for Watson is assured according to information receivd by the local board of education from Washington. The new building will hav eight classrooms, a gymnasium and an auditorium.

Factory sales of cars and trucks in November reached the highest total for that month on record and were the best for any month since June, 1937, reports the Automobile Manufacturers' Association. The authority estimated November factory sales at 514,500 units, a gain of 39.6 per cent over the 1939 figure of 368,541 units, up 58.4 per cent ovr the year ago aggregate of 324,689. For the first eleven months this year sales aggregated 4, 188,934 cars and trucks, a gain of 28 per cent over the total of 3,-263,600 in the corresponding 1939 period.

The Missouri State Employment Service obtained jobs for 27,770 persons for the first eleven months of this year, or 20.8 per cent more than the corrsponding period last year says C. R. Kammerer, manager of the St. Louis area. This is 1,854 more than for the entire year of 1939.

Daily average crude oil production incrased 277,550 during the week ending December 14, totaling 3,612,000 barrels reports the American Petroleum Institute. One year ago production averaged 3,-827,350 barrels a day. A h[illegible] gain in Texas' output was largely responsible for the rise.

A new $150,000 armory for Joplin is assured following a recent bond election. The building will hav a drill floor 75x120 feet, two garages 31x120,, offices, locker rooms, and is to be located in Landuth park at the north edge of Joplin.

The Federal Reserve Board estimates industry, spurred by defense orders, reached a new, all-time peak in November. The board seasonally adjusted index of industrial production placed November output at 131 per cent of the 1935-39 average. The index had been 128 the preceding month and 124 a vear ago. The board also stimated total employment in the United States had increased by more than 2,000,000 persons between August, 1939, and October, 1940. This was said to be a net gain.

Charles C. Hurst, Centertown, held a very successful livestock sale rcently at his farm comments the Tipton Times. Hereford cattle and Duroc hogs comprised the sale, the cattle bringing a top of $200 and the hogs, $55.

C. A. Humm of Hermann, is preparing to establish a bakery in Eldon about the first of January according to the Advertiser. He is leasing the rear of the Boguard building and will install an electric and gas plant for baking pastries.

Building permits issued in 215 leading cities aggregated $102,-539,657 in November, the largest for that month in the past 10 years, says Dun & Bradstreet. The cumulative total for the first eleven months of 1940 also was the largest in a decade.

Revenue freight loadings on the nation's railroads in the week ended December 7 totaled 738,513 cars, an increase of 9,988 cars over the prvious week reports the Association of American Railroad. In the corresponding 1939 period, loadings amounted to 683,973 cars, and in the 1938 week 618,964 cars. Total for the year through December 7 was 34,374,215 cars, against 32,033,910 in the corresponding 1939 period.

The Charles Leimer Implement Co., of Jackson, which recently purchased a lot of North High street has started erection of a building reports the Cash-Book. It will be of brick construction, with a full concrete basement 50x120 feet. The basement will be used as a service department and the first floor for stock of implements.

The Hermann Silica Sand Co., under its new managment employed three shifts of men during the week ended November 14, says the Advertiser-Courier, and shipped out ten carloads of silica sand.

WOODCARVINGS MAKE SMART ACCESSORIES

The local gift shops and department stores are showing gay wood fibre novelties that have been copied from originals designed by master wood carvers. For instance, there's an ornamental what-not shelf that serves many decorative uses. It is six inches high and has a ring on the back that makes it easy to hang on the wall. Thronged with a colorful collection of wood carved figurines, together with tiny horses, dogs bears and even a baby panda, one or more of these delightful pieces may easily become the pivotal point of your home's interior as well as your hobby interest.

And, not at all incidentally, the modest prices of these simulated wood carved figurines, along with the array of other wood fibre novlties, is by no means the least of your pleasures. You really ought to see them today.

POPE TO SEND WAR PRISONERS GREETINGS

Vatican City, December 20.—Pope Pius expects to extend Christmas greetings to war prisoners in various countries by mailing his photograph, sacred images and special apostolic benedictions, informed sources said today.

The Pope also has decided to send money to his representatives to purchase small gifts of clothing and other necessities for the prisoners, they said.

A Christmas truce between the warring powers recently was asked by the Pope, but went unheeded.

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FOR THE
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Modern Kitchens Are Models Of Efficiency

The old-fashioned kitchen, with an antique ice-box, clumsy stove, inadequate storage space, makeshift appliances, colorless accessories, and dance-hall floor is as outmoded as yesterday's newspaper.

No other room requires so careful a study of the needs of the family as the kitchen. The Federal Housing Administration has often outlined the fundamental requirements which make up a well-planned, efficient, modern kitchen.

CPACE REQUIRED

Acording to the FHA, the kitchen must be of sufficient size to contain equipment for food storage, dish and pan storage, dishwashing, broom storage, cooking, food preparation, and sometimes laundry work. While there must be space for all of these the nature and amount of equipment is variable, depending not only on the income but also on the needs and habits of the family.

A kitchen embodies three areas of activity: receiving and storing food; cleaning and dishwashing; and cooking and serving. When kitchen planners refer to the U type, the L type, or the broken unit type they are merely indicating the general relationship of the three basic work centers.

The first or storage center includes a refrigerator, storage space for supplies not requiring cold storage, and a nearby counter on which food may be prepared as it is taken from storage.

The second area, for cleaning and dishwashing, locates the sink between convenient counters with cabinets above holding necessary supplies.

The cooking and serving center contains the range and a counter or table logically situated close to the dining-room door.

NEW CABINETS

Cabinetmakers, thought to have reached the ultimate in kitchen convenience, are still finding new ways to make work easier. The convenience of the design of kitchen cabinets is apparent in the arrangement of the well-equipped drawers and storage spaces in both base and wall cabinets. Planned for the articles that go into them, both wall and base cabinets are standard units that fit the space requirements of any kitchen.

FHA officials say that the kitchen sink should be ample in size and provided with at least one drainboard. Detachable drainboards may be used. In many cases the combination sink and laundry tray with reversible drainboard cover may be advisable. The FHA recommends that the faucets be of good construction since cheap fittings are usually a poor investment.

The kind of a kitchen range installed is another variable factor, acording to the FHA officials. Gas and electric ranges, being the most convenient types, are the most desirable. There may be cases, however, where the coal or wood range is justified in communities where coal or wood is readily available and inexpensive. These fuels involve extra labor of hauling and ash removal. If coal or wood is used, there must be provision for adequate and convenient storage.

REFRIGERATOR JUSTIFIES COST

A mechanical refrigerator is usually the most costly piece of kitchen equipment, and yet from the point of view of food preservation there is little question that the modern refrigerator is highly desirable.

Careful kitchen planning produces in the modern small home an efficient, compact arrangement. Kitchen planning places the large equipment (range, refrigerator, cabinets, counters, sink) in a sequence similar to a factory assembly line. Each of the processes required in the preparation of the meal moves smoothly along from one point in the kitchen to the next, without waste of time or motion.

For complete enjoyment and efficiency in kitchen work, FHA officials empahsize the importance of ample light and good ventilation to remove hot air and cooking odors.

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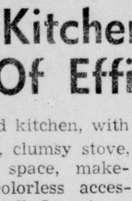

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Circuit Clerk

SNOWBOUND CHRISTMAS

BY CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assignment and bring back a report.

The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath—

"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?"

"Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas.

It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door.

"A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other, then they cheered.

"Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!!"

Loan Office Sets Record

Caruthrsville, Mo., December 20.—A new record for Missouri, and one which has been equaled only once in Arkansas and Illinois of the near-by adjacent states, has been established by the Pemiscot County office of the National Farm Loan Association. The county association office was the only one in the state to close its books at the end of the fiscal year, December 15, without a single delinquent loan on the books.

Ralph Ennis, secretary-treasurer here, was advised of the outstanding state-wide honor his office had achieved following a meeting at Poplar Bluff of all secretary-treasurers of the various districts in the state. Last year, Ennis had a delinquency of only 2 per cent at the close of the fiscal year, but his perfect record this year is the first in Missouri, and ties the perfect records reported in the past in Arkansas and Illinois, in which states only one association has ever reported clear records at the end of fiscal periods.

BATHROOM NEED NOT BE SQUARE OR RECTANGULAR

If you are planning to have an extra bathroom put into your home, don't be discouraged if the only room available has odd corners or jogs in it. Bathrooms no longer need to be perfectly square

Years ago plumbing fixtures were large and even bulky. They were designed to fulfill a purely utilitarian function. Modern plumbing equipment, however, is made in a great variety of shapes and sizes. Skillful plumbing contractors who are familiar with the products of all manufacturers of plumbing equipment know which fixtures may be most advantageously employed in certain tag ends of space.

For instance, an odd nook that seems hopeless may be converted into a tasteful recess for a lavatory. A closet three feet square may be utilized as a shower compartment. A space under the stairs may be converted into a downstairs lavatory.

It is not always absolutely necessary to put all three fixtures in one room. In fact, more people are able to use the same fixtures if they are not all in the same room. Suppose the only available space appears to be two closets which are not adjoining and that neither is large enough to accommodate all the fixtures. The logical procedure would be to place the tub and shower in one closet and the lavatory and closet combination in the other.

A Long Christmas

Many countries in Europe celebrate Christmas on the principle that you cannot have too much of a good thing. In Italy, Holland, and elsewhere, the first celebrations begin on December 6, St. Nicholas' day, and last till Twelfth Night on January 6. In Poland the Christmas season lasts till February 2.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The approach of Christmas has always been a pleasure to us . . . for it gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation for the business you have given us during the past year and to sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.

Tidwell Mobilgas Service
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

As One Friend to Another

We'd like to take advantage of the occasion to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide, by extending our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas. May the smile of fortune wreath every day of the New Year for you.

Drake Auto Sales
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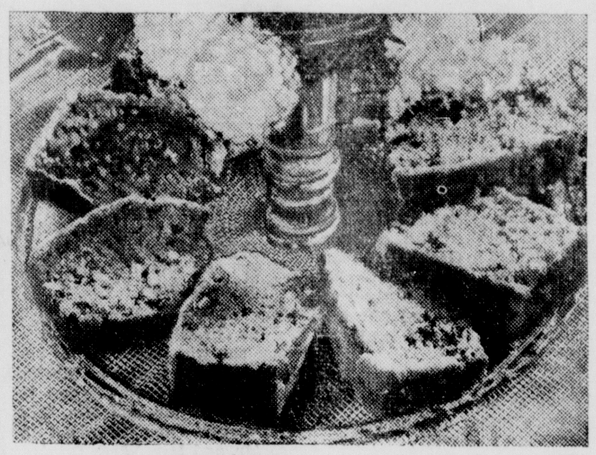
What's New in Cooking

by Gertrude Dent



A Holiday Cake That's Kind to Budgets

IF your budget rebels at mere mention of expensive Christmas fruit cakes, take heart! Here's a luscious and tempting one that costs little more than an old-fashioned spice cake, and it's a highly satisfactory substitute for its higher priced relatives.

This "Old Spice Wonder Fruit Cake" is easy to make, and the subtle blend of flavors is unusual and good. It's almost sure to be a year 'round favorite with your family, so you'd better plan to make it early and often. You can double the recipe with safety, by the way, if you'd like to make these cakes to give away.

Old Spice Wonder Fruit Cake
(Makes 1 8-inch tube cake)

½ cup shortening
1 cup light brown sugar
2 eggs (well beaten)
2 cups cake flour
½ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon allspice
¾ cup sour milk
½ cup citron (cut)
1 cup raisins
1 cup nut meats (broken)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cream shortening, add sugar, and beat thoroughly. Add eggs. Mix and sift together all dry ingredients, reserving ¼ cup flour. Add flour mixture and sour milk alternately—beginning with the flour mixture. Flour citron, raisins, and nuts with the ¼ cup of flour which was reserved and add to the cake mixture. Add vanilla extract. Place in well-greased, small tube pan. Bake 40 to 45 minutes in a moderate oven with electric thermostat set at 350°.

Time was when baking cakes in deep pans, such as tube pans, was something of a gamble; uneven oven temperatures caused unsightly cracks across the top, spoiling the appearance of the cakes entirely. Cakes were frequently overbrowned on top, and soggy underneath. But uniform baking success is a certainty, when you bake with measured electric heat. Temperatures are accurately controlled, and heat is evenly distributed. It's the controlled, moist heat in the ovens of these new ranges that keeps foods from drying out.

When you bake deep cakes, such as this, place them in the preheated oven so that the center of the cake is as near the center of the oven as possible, and forget about them until the baking time is up.

The friendships and patronage you have accorded us are worthy indeed of our most hearty and

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We pledge our best efforts to serve you during the years to come.

Bartley R. Schwegler
District Manager
State Farm Insurance Companies

G. O. P. NOT THE FARMER'S FRIEND

That the Republican members of the House and Senate of the Congress of the United States are not in fact the farmer's friends is unanswerably proven by their recorded votes, and overwhelming majority of the G. O. P. voting against all major farm bills.

An examination of the records of the votes cast on the farm bills shows that the G. O. P. are the friends of the farmer all of the time excepting when they go to vote on farm bills, evidenced as follows:

On the "Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933," 62 per cent of the Republicans voted "no" and 38 per cent voted "yes."

On this bill, 92 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 8 per cent voted "no."

On the "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936," 76 per cent of the Republicans voted "no" and only 24 per cent voted "yes."

On this same bill, 88 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 12 per cent voted "no,"

On the "Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938," 88 per cent of the Republicans voted "no," and only 12 per cent voted "yes."

On the same bill, 81 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 19 per cent voted "no."

On the farm relief bill for "Parity Payments in 1939," 84 per cent of the Republicans voted "no," and only 16 per cent voted "yes."

On this same Parity Payments bill, 77 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 23 per cent voted "no."

On the bill for appropriation for "Commodity Credits," (loans on corn and wheat and cotton), 74 per cent of the Republicans voted "no," and only 26 per cent voted "yes."

On this same bill for Commodity Credit Loans, 100 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes." There was no recorded aye and no votes in the Senate on this bill.

On the record, the Republican Party stands convicted. It is not now or ever has been the farmer's friend.

Cakes Printed in Germany

A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Printen, from which the English word "print" is derived. In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

Santa May Not Smoke Cigars

Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.

Yule Greetings 1940

We heartly extend to you our best wishes for the merriest of Yuletides, and express our appreciation of your loyalty and cooperation during this past year.

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We are grateful for your friendship and loyalty. May you be blessed with all that is good in life. That is our wish at this joyous season.

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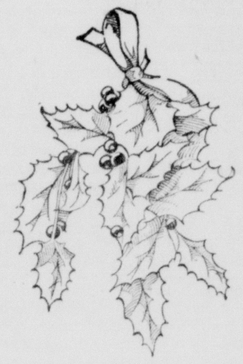

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A JOYOUS YULETIDE

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Since the nose is such a prominent feature. more people are sensitive about them than any other feature. A deformed nose, she says attracts the eye so that other pleasant normal features go unnoticed. Under these circumstances, it may be a handicap to both and social and business success. Plastic surgery, therefore, has come in for a great deal of public attention, and surgeons all over the country are successfully remodelling thousands of ugly noses. Their results bring new personalities as well as fresh faces.

If you are planning such an operation, Miss Murrin advises a thorough check on the surgeon. Make sure, she warns that you are in good health—no cold, sinus or skin difficulties to make complications. In most cases four or five days in a hospital are all that is necessary. After the operation there is a slight scar which completely vanishes in three or four weeks. Pictured below are two examples of actual cases. Notice with what great skill the noses have been reworked.

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2 Pct. 'Use Tax' Suggested

Jefferson City, Dec. 20.—Enactment of a 2 per cent state "use tax" designed to remove discriminatory features in the sales tax act as well as produce additional revenue, will be recommended to the 1941 Legislature, which convenes January 8, by State Auditor Forrest Smith.

The proposed levy would be applicable to purchases made from out-of-state merchants, which now are exempt, Smith said. This exemption has put Missouri merchants to a considerable disadvantage, he added.

The bill, now being prepared, would help put more teeth in the sales tax act by plugging up loopholes where the tax is now being lost through interstate commerce, he asserted.

Smith estimated that $3,000,000 aditional revenue should be produced annually, if sufficient appropriations are approved to enforce collections of the taxes properly. Sales tax revenues this year will total approximately $23,500,000.

"If the use-tax bill is enacted," said Smith, "there will be no need to increase the levy of any of the other taxes. This additional revenue also should enable the state to pay most of the deserving old age pensioners the full amount allowable under the Missouri laws."

The Auditor also announced he would ask the General Assembly to change the state's fiscal year, which begins January 1, and make it coincide with the Federal Government's fiscal year, which starts July 1. This would eliminate much of the confusion, Smith said, that has existed in the financial transactions of the two governments since the state has been receiving millions of dollars in federal aid.

Broadening of the present country auditing law, to give the state authority to check the accounts of the school, drainage and levy districts, also will be recommended by Smith. He said some school districts are unlawfully diverting state aid from the teachers' fund to retire bonds.

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News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graber will be among those entertaining at dinner on Christmas Day. Their guests will be members of the Graber family and will include Mrs. A. Graber of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Graber and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graber and famiily, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Graber and family and Max Graber, all of Paragould, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Graber and family of Blytheville, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely H. Ethridge will have as guests for Christmas, the latter's father and brother, C. W. and Jim Chamberlin of Robinson, Ill.

Stoy Lee Hughes, who is employed at the S. G. Adams Sheet Metal Company in St. Louis, will spend the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes.

N. C. Watkins, his daughter, Miss Mary Ruth, and son, N. C. Jr., of Eureka, Mo., arrived Friday night to spend the holidays with Mrs. Watkins who is convalescing from a recent operation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harrison plan to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Carmi, Ill., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Van Epps.

Miss Emma Lee Grojean of St. Louis will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jean Hirschberg during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. West and their daughter, Miss Ann of Springfield, Ill., arrived Saturday afternoon to sptnd the holidays with Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Miss Muriel Edwards and Z. W. Kilgore spent Sunday as guests of the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith in Willow Springs, Mo.

Mrs. Charles A. Vandivort went to Cape Girardeau Friday evening where she was joined by her husband, who is a senior at Missouri University. They will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vandivort in Cape Girardeau and with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris in this city.

Kemper Bruton is expected to come from Kennett for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Davis and their baby daughter will be guests of relatives in Poplar Bluff on Christmas Day.

Merritt Back, Jr., visited his sister, Mrs. R. E. Ausmus and her family in Centralia, Mo., several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton and son, Glenn, expect to be guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Barton in Lilbourn, for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs Edward Allard and their daughter, accompanied by Miss Geraldine Moll, visited relatives in Poplar Bluff over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Moorehead in Poplar Bluff Christmas Day.

Mrs. C. A. Anthony has gone to Indianapolis, Ind., to spend the Christmas holidays with a son and daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Belden are entertaining as their guests, the later's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Deal and their son, Richard of Camden, N. J., who rarived in Sikeston Sunday.

Gordon Blanton went to Hattiesburg, Miss., to spend the holiday season with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hatfield.

Christmas holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker Sr., will include Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Emory Baker and their son, Charles of Chicago, Mrs. T. B. Dudley and son, Thomas of St. Louis, Miss Mary Hinchey of Chicago and Miss Evelyn Allard of Palestine, Ill. Fletcher Ellis of Evansville, Ind., is expected to spend several days as the guest of Miss Allard, during the holidays.

Harry Woodward of St. Louis was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allard Friday night.

Mrs. C. L. Malone will go to Little Rock, Ark., this Tuesday to spend the holidays with her husband, Major Malone, who is executive officer of the Arkansas Reserve District. Major Malone has been on active duty since July 1, when he was assigned to the Third Military Area Headquarters in St. Louis.

Jack Aday left Friday to visit his mother in Memphis during the holidays.

Mrs. Paul Fink and her daughter, Paulina of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey.

Mrs. Maxine Fant will have as dinner guests on Christmas day, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pearman, and her niece, Patsy Jean of Blodgett, her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rickard and three children of St. Louis, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndell Pearman and son of Flat River.

Mrs. Joe McCord went to St. Louis Sunday to visit during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Drugett, and her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Dale Urban. Mr. McCord will join Mrs. McCord Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Hirschberg will entertain the following guests over next week end: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hirschberg and three children, Dorothy, Virginia and Ralph Jr., and Mrs. Eugene Hirschberg of Chicago, who are en route to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parker are visiting relatives in Kennett during the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. L. M. Stallcup and her mother, Mrs. E. A. Lawrence are entertaining as their guests this week, the latter's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico, Mo., and Mrs. Stallcup's daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Setz and two daughters of Clayton, and son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Anderson of Washington, D. C.

Jack Butler of Peoria, Ill., will come Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Butler and their daughter, Ann, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. K. Bone for two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Green and daughter have gone to Independence and Maryville to visit during the Christmas vacation. Raymond Palm accompanied them to Maryville where Mrs. Palm and daughter are visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vinyard of Cape Girardeau will be guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moore and their families will spend Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bennett at Bloomfield.

Mrs. Betha Kilgore, her daughter, Mrs. James Vaughn and three sons of St. Louis, and her son, Ross Kilgore, have gone to Tampa. Fla., to visit another son, Fred Smith and family for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bailey will entertain the following guests at dinner in their home Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey, Kent Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey and Children, Mrs. Paul Fink and daughter, Pauline, of Philadelphia.

Sikeston Standard, $2.00 per year.

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

This is a family affair, noting carefully that mother and daughter are dressed in twin woolen ski suits. Bright red wool lining strikes a sharp note of contrast to the deep green of the suits which are decorated with embroidered wool flowers.

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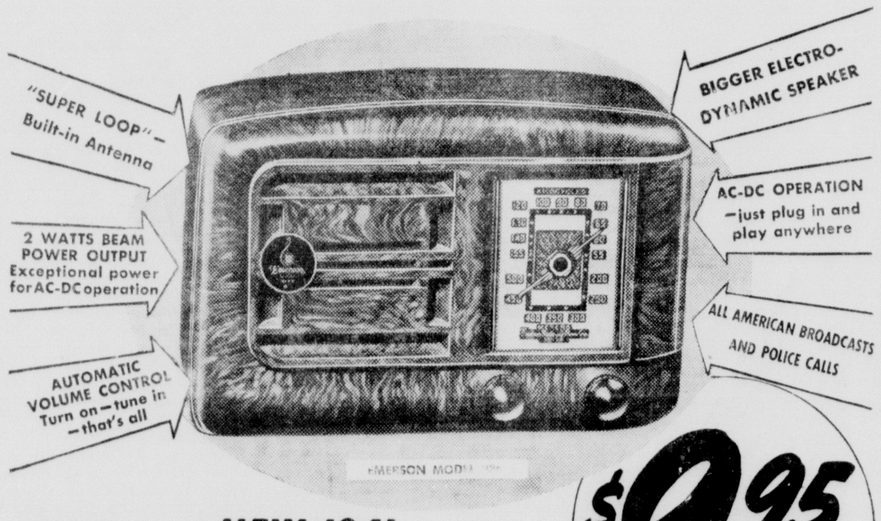

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Real estate, personal and merchants' taxes for 1940 are due and payable.

After January 1st lawful penalties and interest will be added and collected.

Save money by paying your taxes before the last day of the present year.

C. E. FELKER
Collector

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The P. C. Editor Says:

You'll find printed on another page a menu as served on Christmas Day in 1879 at the Maxwell House Nashville, Tenn., that will give the readers an idea of how the public was served back in those days. It would be absolutely impossible for any hotel in the United States to duplicate this menu in these days. We thank the city editor of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal for the mats from which this menu was cast.

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Our daughter, Mary, Mrs. N. C. Watkins, of Eureka, Mo., who has been a patient in St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, for two weeks, was brought to the home of her parents in Sikeston Friday afternoon and if no relapse occurs will soon be able to return to her home in Eureka. She is very cheerful, looks 100 per cent better and is doing fine.

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Business among Sikeston merchants for the past ten days has kept clerks on the go from the time stores were open until they closed. Santa Claus had to have everything ready before he started on his rounds. Here's hoping no child will be overlooked.

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The public is invited to a party to be held on Monday, Dec. 30, for Company K just before the Guard goes to camp. District Attorney Harry Blanton of St. Louis will give the main address and the 140th Infantry Band at Chaffee will play. Seats will be reserved for families of soldiers. It will start at 7:30 p. m.

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Four hundred and fifty thousand stores have opened during the past eight years of Democratic rule. Compare this aihievement with the fact that 253,000 enterprises closed their doors during the Hoover regime. That's the whole story.

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Crown Princess Juliana, of Holland, had her first ice cream soda at a New York fountain and pronounced it the "best treat."

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The year 1940 just about to come to a close has been the most prosuerious of all since we have published The Standard. Our business has been good, our collections fine, all of which we certainly appreciate. We look forward to the New Year with hopes that the community will prosper, that we may prosper and all enjoy good health.

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Farm income will soar a billion and a half dollars in the next two years, agricultural economics predict. Bright days loom ahead for the farmer under Democratic rule.

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Hitler has three in the United States Embassy in Paris recalled, so states the metropolitan press. If we had our say we would not recall them and let Hitler arrest and deport them if he dared. This man Hitler is getting too big for his britches to our way of thinking and will have to be trimmed down a bit by some combination of countries.

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From some quarters there is talk of asking the insurance companies who carry the cab lines to cancel the policies unless the owners or managers of these cab lines force the drivers to hold down fast driving in the corporate limit of the city. These drivers go like a house afire and seem to have little consideration for the rights of others.

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As is custoramy when major holidays occur the two issues of this newspaper will be combined into one next week, published on the usual Tuesday date. It will bear the holiday greetings of a number of Sikeston business and professional men to their patrons and the general public, issued thus timely on the eve of the holiday. The Standard staff has been working long hours and strenously and is entitled to a bit of rest, therefore "the force" will be given three holidays this week—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The plant will be open for business again on Friday and Saturday. Customers should bear this fact in mind and we trust readers will remember that only one paper will reach them during Christmas week.

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TELEPHONE EMPLOYES HAVE BANQUET

Employes of the local exchange of the Southeast Missouri Telephone Co., held a banquet at the Palace Cafe Monday night.

Sikeston Standard, $2.00 per year.

10 Hired Here To Work on Rolla Camp

Ten master carpenters of Sikeston were secured through the local State Employment Office to report this Monday at Rolla to begin work at the big United States Army camp being constructed there.

The job agency received the request Thursday from the government, which is securing all workers on the project through the state service, according to Marshall Walker of the Sikeston office.

FIRST HIRED LOCALLY

The quota of ten carpenters is the first assigned the Sikeston Employment Office, he said. Other offices throughout the state are also supplying workers.

Since the Rolla project is closed work, the men here all were taken from the local union, Mr. Walker said. When more are needed they also will be taken from the union, or will be men who intend to join at Rolla.

The present scale of wages begins at $1 an hour. However, the government has not set the rate and the contractors will be required to make up any difference if the scale is higher when it comes out, it was explained.

BUILD OWN QUARTERS

Employes are now engaged in preliminary work of building barracks for housing the workmen and clearing the land for the mammoth camp site which will form an important link in the army's defense program. It is necessary to build quarters to live in because Rolla does not have sufficient housing to accommodate them.

When the building program gets into full swing after the first of the year, it is reported four thousand carpenters and six thousand laborers will be employed.

Already Rolla has taken the proportions of a "boom town."

'Meanest' Thief Steals Greeting Cards From Mailbox

The thief who takes this year's prize for plain cussedness stole a mail box full of Christmas greeting cards at the residence of Bob Mow, Jr., 229 Kathleen, Sunday night.

Mr. Mow came in from a hunting trip near five o'clock in the afternoon and prepared to dine out with relatives. As he was leaving at 5:15, he noticed the mail box filled with cards, a dozen at least. Seeing one was a letter, he read it and then shoved it back in the box with the other cards, intending to remove the entire lot upon returning.

Shortly fter 7:30 o'clock when he returned everything had been stolen from the box. Mr. Mow even inquired among neighbors to see if any had taken them up to keep them for him, but this was not the case.

Postal officials here were notified, since the motive may have been that the thief expected to find cash in the envelopes.

Grabers Giving Christmas Bonus

Graber's Store is giving a Christmas bonus of two week's pay to all employes who have been with the store a year or more.

It is an annual custom of the store to give a bonus.

COTTON CLUB TO HAVE CHRISTMAS DANCES

The Blue Rhythm Boys will play for Christmas dances Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cotton Club. The club recently secured the services of one of the best chefs in St. Louis and offers exceptionally well-prepared dinners.

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To Distribute Food Baskets Among Needy

One hundred seven needy families in Sikeston will receive Christmas baskets of food through the efforts of the American Legion, Nazarene, Baptist and Methodist churches, according to C. C. Scott.

Distribution, in charge of M. E. Montgomery, will take place Tuesday.

Through funds supplied by the various individuals and churches a large basket that will furnish the family with a bontiful supply of food will be given.

Committees from the various churches and the Legion held a general meeting to compare lists and see that no deserving families were omitted, Mr. Scott said. Deserving families are given baskets regardless of their creed, he said. Names submitted from various sources are carefully checked to see that the baskets go to needy families.

"It is one of the easiest tasks in Sikeston to perform," Mr. Scott commented. "People are vey pleasant about contributing and different ones give diferent items of food."

Besides food supplied from the special donors, the Lions Club's food movie, held Saturday morning, also supplies food for the baskets.

In each basket will be a dressed chicken, beans, sugar, lard, flour, meal, rice, loaf of bread, coffee, potatoes, oranges, milk and butter.

Lions to Be Santa Claus To 2000

The hearts of approximately two thousand children will be gladdened no end Wednesday morning when Lions Club trucks each with a Santa Claus, will venture forth to distribute sacks of toys, candy and oranges in needy districts.

Three trucks, for the North Side, South Side and Sunset Addition, will depart from the Coca-Cola Building at nine o'clock.

Children are especially asked to stand on their porches, instead of following trucks, so that there will be no duplications and every child will receive a sack, Mr. Schorle said.

The annual food movie of the Lions Club Saturday morning yielded a host of food articles which was being stored Monday for distribution among churches, who will put them in baskets for the needy.

Services Here for Mrs. Dixie Stokely

Funeral services were held here Monday morning at the St. Francis Xavier Church for Mrs. Dixie Lee Stokely, 61, native of New Madrid County, who succumbed of paralysis Friday morning at the home of a sister, Mrs. George Ray, at Paducah, Ky.

Born in New Madrid County in 1879, Mrs. Stokely for the past thirty years had resided at Williamsville. Her husband, Joe Stokely of Williamsville, died in 1936.

Surviving besides the sister of Paducah are three other sisters, Mrs. W. M. Schuerenberg and Mrs. Ulus Carr, of Sikeston, and Sister Mary Alice of Toronto, Ohio; three brothers, George D. Lee of West Helena, Ark., F. A. Lee of Illmo and S. M. Lee of Council Bluffs, Ia.; nine nieces and nephews.

Interment with Albritton service was in Memorial Park.

Annual Christmas Movie Tuesday

The annual Christmas movie to the kiddies of Sikeston will be held Tuesday afternoon at matinee instead of on Christmas morning, so that all children can be at their homes when the Lions Club distributes their Christmas sacks in the needy sections.

The movie is an annual gift of O. W. McCutcheon of Blytheville, owner of the theatres here, to the children.

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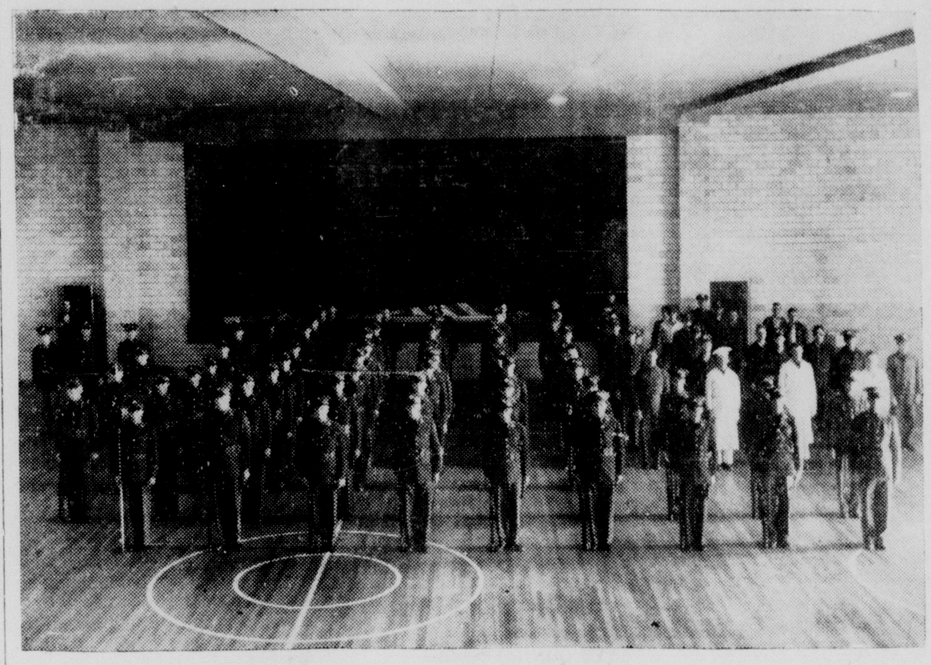
THEY'RE IN THE ARMY NOW



Scene in the Sikeston armory Monday morning after Company K had mobilized for its year's training at Camp Robinson, Ark. During the interim of about ten days prior to leaving for camp the men will undergo a training program under the direction of Capt. Wade Shankle.

140th Infantry Has Eventful Past, Dating From Civil War

When the call came this Monday for the mobilization of the National Guard for a year's training at Camp Robinson, Ark., it marked another historic milestone in the eventful history of the 140th Infantry, which has headquarters at Sikeston.

"History of the Missouri National Guard", compiled by the authority of the Military Council and supplied by Capt. Francis Pfeffer, regimantal adjutant, reveals that the 140th had its origin back at the beginning of the Civil War, as the First Infantry.

FIGHTS IN 1861

In 1861, an act of the General Assembly approved the organization of the First Infantry, Eighth Division, Missouri State Guard, which under Lieut. Col. Thos. H. Rosser participated in the battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo., on August 10 of that year.

When Major Eugene Irwin's Third Battalion of the First Infantry, was consolidated with Major Isaac N. Hudspeth's battalion of the Third Infantry, First Division, in 1862, it became the Confederate Troops. With the Second Missouri Infantry, then a part of General Cockrell's Brigade, the Sixth Infantry took part in the battles of Lexington, Elkhorn, Iuka, Corinth, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Bakers Creek, Vicksburg, Franklin and Nashville.

The Sixth Infantry. from fragmentary records, was still with the Confederate States Army as late as February and March, 1865.

REORGANIZED IN '98

Disbanded at the close of the Civil War, the regiment was not reorganized until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. In June, 1898 it was reorganized in the service of the United States as the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. Mustered into service July 20 to 23, 1898, the regiment served with the American Army of Occupation in the Second Division of the VII Army Corps, from December to April, 1899, when Spanish troops evacuated. It was mustered out of service at Savannah, Ga., May 10, 1899.

Among the companies serving in the Spanish-American War were: Company D of Bloomfield, headed by Capt. Mack Richardson; Company E of Doniphan, Capt. Pierre B. Ladd, who resigned while at Havana and was succeeded by Capt. Giboney Houck of Cape Girardeau; Company H of Lutesville, Capt. John W. Revelle, who resigned at Jacksonville, Fla., and succeeded by Capt. Robert V. M. Cordell; Company I of Kennett, Capt. Albert B. Sloan. Company K, which is now located at Sikeston, at that time was in St. Louis.

HISTORY OF THIRD

The Third Infantry Regiment of the Missouri National Guard, also a forerunner of the 140th, was organized in April, 1886, at Kansas City, with six companies. Three of the companies were called the Marmaduke Guards, after the governor; the Bullene Guards, after Kansas City Mayor T. B. Bullene, and the Veteran Company A, composed of veterans of the Civil War. The regiment saw service in the Spanish War, and was reorganized in 1901. In July, 1916, it was sent with other U. S. troops by President Wilson to the Mexican border because of the unfriendly attitude of Mexico at the time. It patrolled the border for little over two months and did not see active service.

The Third Regiment had been demobilized as federalized militia but six months when the call to arms came on March 25, 1917, as America entered the World War.

140TH IS FORMED

At Camp Doniphan, within the Fort Sill Reservation of Oklahoma, the 140th Infantry of the 35th Division was born. The Third Regiment and the Sixth Infantry were consolidated at this training quarters to become the 140th, in command of Col. William Newman.

After a bitterly cold winter on the Oklahoma plains, along with an epidemic of spinal meningitis, the 140th on April 24, 1918, embarked from Hoboken, N. J., in the Australian freighter Shropshire for France.

Their first camp for any length of time was in Normandy, close enough to the war that they could hear explosions when the Germans were bombing Abbeville, a town that felt heavy explosions last May in another war with the same foe. About this time, in the middle of June, Col. Bennett C. Clark, who had helped organize the Sixth Missouri Infantry before its merger into the 140th, was transferred to the staff of the 88th Division.

FIRST ACTION

After being assigned to several sectors, including a quiet section of trenches at Bitschweiller in German Alsace, the 140th got its first taste of action in the mountainous Fecht sector. It was considered quiet, also, although occasional artillery duels or night raids took their tolls. The men's movements to this position had been carefully censored and they marched at night, no one knowing where they were or where they were going, in efforts to conceal troop concentrations from the enemy. Hence they were somewhat surprised, the morning after taking their position in the trenches, to see a sign in English hanging on a wire before the German trenches, saying, "Welcome 35th Division; let's be friends."

The initial action came when the Germans on July 31 attempted a raid on Combat Group 8, Point 400, Focheday. The newly-arrived Americans resisted the attacking party creditably. Then on August 10 the men felt the brunt of a fierce artillery duel.

MARCH INTO ARGONNE

This action was only a warm-up of things to come. On the night of Sept. 21, 1918, the soldiers marched into Argonne Forest, undergoing privations of night marches in rain and mud, poor accommodations and the like. Lieut. Col. C. E. Delaplane was placed in command of the 140th two days

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Second Cadet Class Finishes

Working overtime to complete the sixty-hour course, thirty-five cadets of the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics finished their primary training a week short of the usual ten weeks so that they might spend Christmas at their homes before reporting to Randolph Field, Tex., for advanced training.

The graduates, the second class of the Institute to complete its training at Sikeston, began with fifty-nine, but twenty-four were eliminated.

Of the group of 86 that came in the third five-week period, eight have been eliminated, General Manager A. B. Woodbury said Saturday.

The next class will start January 4, and ninety are expected, he said.

Metal construction on the third hangar has been completed, and workmen are now pouring the concrete floor, which should be completed about the middle of this week, Mr. Woodbury said. Although the third hangar should be ready for use next Monday, it will not be needed until the further anticipated expansion of the Institute gets under way in February, the manager explained. There are forty-six planes at the airport now, and the first two hangars, with a capacity of twenty-eight planes each, can house them.

Home Supervisors to Be Appointed to Group-Labor Tracts

Two or three home supervisors will be appointed by the Farm Security Administration to take charge of home-making at the group-labor villages being established in Southeast Missouri, Hans Baasch, director, said Saturday Appointments will be made when the project is opened in February, he said,

Baasch of the limited funds, a supervisor cannot be appointed for each of the nine villages located at seven Southeast Missouri towns, Mr. Baasch said. It is probable that two or three appointees will have charge of the entire nine tracts, which have a total of fivt hundred homes.

Managers of the villages already have been announced. A successor to Mr. Baasch, who is being transferred to the regional office at Indianapolis, has been chosen and will be announced later.

ENTERTAINS METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Charles Moose entertained members of her Sunday School class of the Methodist Church with a Christmas party Monday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gid Daniels. Miss Mary Ruth Watkins of Eureka, Mo., was an out-of-town guest. A Christmas basket was packed and a tree trimmed, which will be given to a selected person for Christmas.

Youth Dies Of Target Gun Wound

Shot in the head by a .22 rifle bullet while boys were target shooting near Morley, Dudley May, 15, died shortly afterward Sunday in a Cape Girardeau hospital.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when the youth rounded the corner of an outbuilding just as the gun was fired at a can by James Kulchur, 13, at the Sand Hill tavern just south of Morley on Highway 61.

Young May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howle May of Morley, died fifty minutes after arrival at the hospital without regaining consciousness. The shooting occurred about noontime.

Since the death took place in Cape Girardeau County, Coroner Short of that county conducted an inquest there and found the shooting was accidental.

Kulchur lives with his parents just south of Morley.

A student in Morley High School, Dudley was considered a very intelligent pupil. He was a nephew of Coach Hugh May of East Prairie and a cousin of Mrs. E. L. Sisson of this city. Immediate survivors besides the parents are two brothers and a sister.

Local Job Offices Places Most in State

Placements made by the Missouri State Employment Service in November totaled 13,588, of which 6,861 were private 855 public, and 5,872 supplemental, Andrew J. Murphy, Sr., Chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission of Missouri, announced Saturday at Jefferson City.

The Sikeston office of the State Employment Service filled 3863 jobs in November. Of these 248 were in private industry and 45 were on public projects. 3570 were supplemental placements in which the employment office assisted but was not entirely responsible for the jobs found.

Sikeston with 3,570 supplemental placements, mostly of cotton pickers, had 3,863 total placements in November, the highest number among the 31 local employment offices. St. Louis had the second highest total, 2,446. Kennett, which like Sikeston placed a large number of cotton pickers in November, stood in third place with 1,665 total placements, and was followed by Kansas City with 1,232. Other local offices near the top of the list were: Caruthersville with 728 placements, Springfield with 549, St. Joseph with 511, and Joplin with 405.

Jobs filled in private industry during November declined from the October figure which set a high for this year, but showed an increase of 7 per cent over private placements for November of last year, said Murphy.

Draft Board Meets Tuesday Anyway

Though the regular meeting night, Tuesday evening, comes on Christmas Eve, the Draft Board will receive registrants desiring assistance in filling out their questionnaires, according to the chairman, Robert A. Dempster.

The board here meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

As the distribution of questionnaires from the County office increases, the Alvisory Board is having larger numbers of callers. There were about thirty at the Friday night session, keeping busy the four attorneys, Mr. Dempster, George Kirk, W. P. Wilkerson and Bill Corrigan.

One married man wanted to get into service immediately and asked if there was some way he could make the grade. In keeping with selective service ruling, he was placed in Class 3-A because of dependents, and will not likely see service in the draft.

MATTHEWS METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Sunday.

11:00 a. m. preaching Service. Sermon by Rev. R. P. Basler. "Spending Our Years as a Tale That Is Told."

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K Mobilizes, Armory Now An Army Post

At nine o'clock Monday morning the Sikeston armory and grounds became a military reserve as Company K—with ninety-nine enlisted men and four commissioned officers—mobilized for a year's training.

Capt, Wade Shankle as his first official act read to the company the mobilization orders.

Uniformed men bustled through the armory building and were drilling outside, the beginning of a routine that will carry over to the encampment which begins within two weeks at Camp Robinson, Ark.

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY

The first two or three days will be taken up with physical examinations, Capt. Shankle said. These are being given by Lieut. Col. Casey and Lieuts. Virant and Poe, all of St. Louis, who are in the medical reserve. They reported for duty at 5 p. m. Sunday.

Next on the program will be fingerprinting of all men, under direction of Second Lieut. George Staley. This should be completed by Friday so that a full training program can get under way, the commander said.

Meanwhile, men not engaged in physical examinations or fingerprinting are following the official training program under First Lieut. Carl Wilkinson.

HIKING ON PROGRAM

By Friday the preliminaries should be out of the way and the company can begin on the regular training program prepared several months in advance, Capt. Shankle said. This consists of basic instruction intended to harden the men. Each afternoon from one to five o'clock the company will take a hike. The first day it will be two miles and no pack. The last day it will be ten miles with a full fifty-pound pack.

Since an army must travel on its stomach, the kitchen crew under Second Lieut. Laurence Adams and Mess Sgt. Vernon Sherry were busy Monday morning preparing the first meal, which was served at 12:10 p. m. There were two full rounds, or quarters, of beef in the ice box for all the hungry soldiers.

Lieut. Adams had estimated that the first day's expense of the company, food and incidentals, would cost $116.

AN ARMY POST

The armory and grounds is a military reserve in fact. No man can leave the grounds unless he is accompanied by a non-commissioned officer or has special permission. When the men reported at nine o'clock Monday morning, each was registered by Sgt. Atkinson, along with the time of arrival, and thereafter "he's in the army now."

Arraigned in Court On Burglary and Larceny Charges

Wayne Rowlett, 17 years old, younger of two brothers arrested in connection with several burglaries here, pleaded guilty to burblary and larceny in Circuit Court at Benton and Judge Frank Kelly took his case under advisement.

The elder brother, Warren Rowlett, 19, was ill and Prosecutor David Blanton said he hoped to have him in court this Monday to dispose of the case. Judge Kelly intended to pass sentence on Wayne at this time.

Judge Kelly Monday sentenced Wayne to four years in the reformatory and then paroled him to Rev. J. W. Hoffert of this city. Warren Rowlett was ill of pneumonia in a Cape Girardeau hospital and could not appear.

The two admitted breaking into the H & H Grocery, Sikeston Lumber Co., Skelly Oil Co., Kellett Garage and Reiss Dairy, as well as stealing a car by the garage and taking license plates from two carh.

They had been in the Benton jail since a week before.

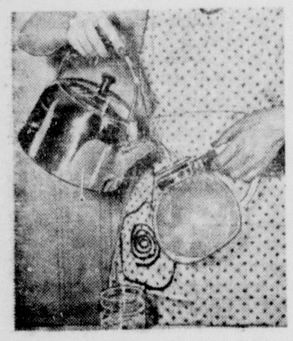
SON TO GRIFFINS

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Griffin of Plant City, Fla., have announced the birth of a son on Friday, Decembr 13. The child weighed 7½ pounds and has been given the name of Thomas Edwin. Mrs. Griffin is the former Miss Eva Jones of Sikeston.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET
SIKESTON STANDARD
This Ticket Will Admit
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Beckett
—to the—
MALONE THEATRE
Wednesday, Dec. 25 to see
"COMRADE X"

Good Coffee Comes From a Clean Pot

Your coffee pot may not be as clean as you think, and a clean pot is essential for good coffee. Always use a brush to thoroughly clean inaccessible percolator parts.



Use plenty of hot water to wash your coffee makers. After washing with soapy water, scald it thoroughly to remove all traces of suds and wash as soon as possible after use.

Aluminum coffee makers should be scoured with steel wool and soap once a week. Never use soda, and don't forget that the cleaner your coffee pot—the better is your brew.

As a part of its Cotton Christmas program the National Cotton Council is contacting more than 10,000 individuals and organizations throughout the country, providing them with complete programs for community-wide observance of the event.

Different Light for Different Needs

A fact about light many of us overlook, is that there should be a certain amount of constant light or general illumination in a room, with special light for special purposes such as writing or study, sewing, card playing.

It is important to remember that a brightly lighted spot in a rather dark room is very hard on the eyes as they must make constant adjustment from brightness to dimness. Therefore it is wise to have a soft general illumination in any room with brighter light serving its purpose in a given spot. During day light, a desk for writing, or a chair

The 100-200-300 watt bulb is wise

for reading or sewing, or a table for working is placed near a window for greater intensity of light even though the room as a whole is light. The same principle should be employed with artificial light. This is why it is well to have in the average house, ceiling fixture, or side lights in a room, which can be turned on by a switch at the door, with "special" lights turned on at their source in the place needed.

LIGHT FOR DRESSING

Notwithstanding woman's much discussed vanity, she hasn't really given enough thought to lighting her dressing table or bureau. The fault of most so-called boudoir lamps is that they are so low that they light your waistline instead of your face as you look in the mirror. The ideal dressing table lamp is 18 to 20 inches high, has a shade as nearly white as possible so that the color of the shade will not mislead you in your use of cosmetics, and is equipped with a 60 watt bulb. Another happy solution is to use two "pin-up" lamps (40 watts each) that may be fastened to the wall at the desired height. Of course, there is nothing so satisfying for dressing as a long mirror on the wall or on the front of a door. This, like the mirror for the bathroom cabinet, may have a single bulb fixture above it. In addition, lights at either side may be used provided they throw light to the center of the mirror.

LIGHT FOR SEWING

Sewing, especially on dark goods with dark thread, is as trying to the eyes as reading very fine type. Here the 100-200-300 watt three-light lamp with three auxiliary 40 watt candles is a boon, for it may be turned to 300 watts without the candles for coarse work on light-colored fabrics, and have the candles in addition for fine work on dark materials. As the source of light for sewing should be about 30 inches above bowl and the three candles mentioned above is a wise choice. Light should, of course, come over your left shoulder for such work unless you are left-handed!

LIGHT FOR WRITING —STUDY

For ordinary letter-writing a lamp about 23 inches high with a 100 watt bulb giving 25 footcandles is sufficient. But a desk is often used for more concentrated work—reading fine print, fine drawing, or studying. For these pursuits the I. E. S. Studying and Reading lamp is recommended. This has one 100 watt bulb or a 50-100-150 bulb. Again, remember that such a light should be used in connection with general illumination.

NOT A MODERN BOMBER AT CANAL, SAYS CONGRESSMAN

New York, Dec. 21.—Representative Fred Bradley (Rep.), Mich., one of the 12 Congressmen returning from a trip to the Panama Canal, declared today that there "was not a modern bomber in the Zone."

"If the administration considers it such a vital place to guard," he said, "why doesn't it do something to protect the Zone with up-to-date aircraft? If there are any modern bombers there, they are so pitifully few that we didn't see them. I was told the fastest airplane there was capable of only 140 miles an hour."

The group returned aboard the liner Panama, after a 12-day trip.

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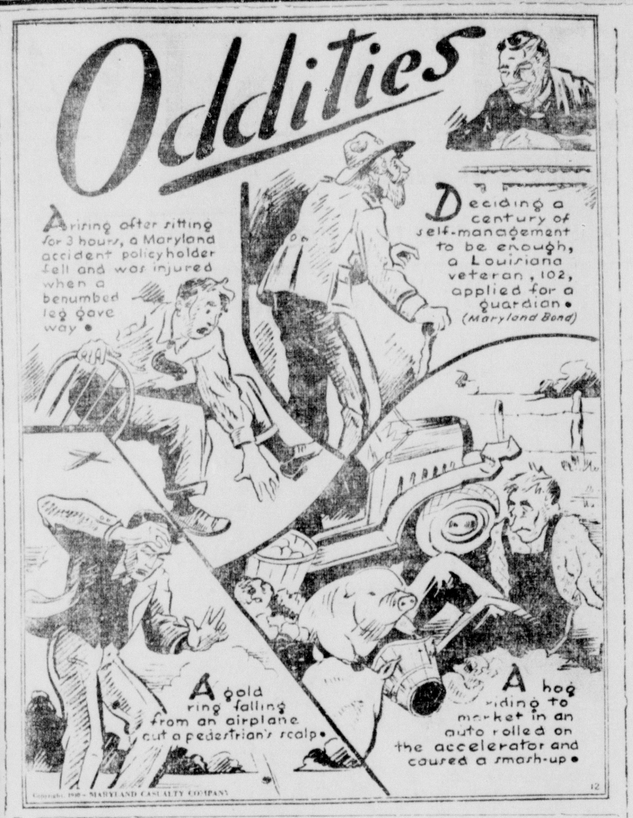
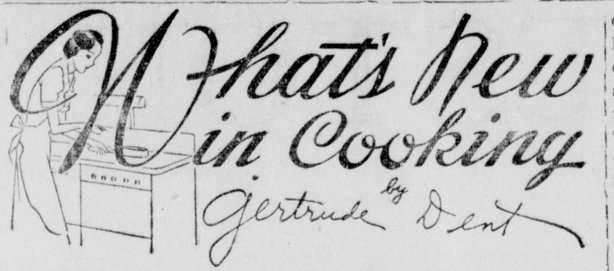
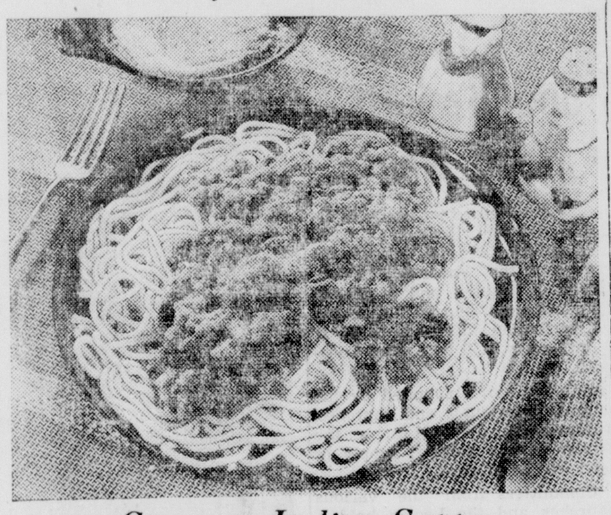




What's New in Cooking

by Gertrude Dent



Serve an Italian Supper

If you'd like to give a gay, and simple, and very smart party this fall, serve an Itilian Supper for your friends. It's an easy and inexpensive way of entertaining a crowd, and can be managed very nicely without the htlp of a maid.

For your supper, serve plates of "yard-long" spaghetti, with plenty of rich, flavorsome meat sauce and grated cheese; a big bowl of mixed green salad with sharp French dressing; hot crusty Italian or French bread; plenty of steaming coffee or tea; and for dessert—if anyone wants it! — a basket or wooden bowl of mixed fresh fruit. The spaghetti with its delicious, well seasoned sauce, should be the mainstay of your meal, and the main attraction, too. Make a generous portion of the sauce and cook it the day before you plan to serve it, in the deep well cooker of your modern electric range. Long, slow cooking over very low heat brings out the finest flavors of the ingredients in the sauce, and blends them to produce a perfect product.

ITALIAN SPAGHETTI

(Serves 6-8)

2 large onions (1½ cups minced)
2 cloves garlic (minced)
½ cup parsley (minced)
3 bay leaves
½ cup olive oil
1½ pounds ground meat (beef, pork, and veal)
1 large can Italian tomatoes
1 can tomato paste
1½ cups water
¼ teaspoon soda
⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon salt
1 cup Italian cheese (grated)

Fry onions, garlic, parsley, and bay leaves in the olive oil until the onions are lightly browned. Add meat, and continue to fry with switch turned to second position until the meat is well cooked.

Force tomatoes through a colander to remove seeds. Combine the strained tomatoes with the tomato paste, water, soda, and seasonings. Place in deep well cooker of modern electric range, with the meat mixture. Cover, and cook with switch turned to High, until steam escapes. Then turn switch to third position and simmer for about 3½ hours. Add cheese and continue cooking for ½ hour.

The controlled heat in the deep well cooker makes watching and stirring unnecessary. Just put the ingredients in the kettle, turn switch to the proper position, and forget about the sauce until the cooking time is up. A choice of 5 controlled heats on cookers and surface units of the new electric ranges, provides the right heat for every cooking operation. That eliminates watching and stirring, and means fuel economy, too.

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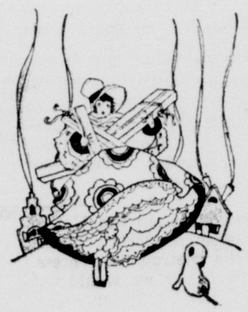
The Management of the
MALONE THEATRE
Presents Its Annual
FREE SHOW
To the Kiddies of Sikeston
Next Tuesday Morning
Beginning at 9:30 o'clock
There will be ten reels of Comedies and Cartoons including the following:
DONALD DUCK, MICKEY MOUSE AND OUR GANG

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
We realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship and good will of folks like you.
Please accept our sincere thanks and our good wishes for a Prosperous NEW YEAR
LEECH FURNITURE COMPANY

Hang up the Old Sock
—And we'll take great delight in filling it full of good wishes for you and yours. As we do so, we pledge continued effort on our part to merit your good will in the years to come.
Dunagan's Market
In the A. & P.
CLAUDE and ERNEST

Merry Xmas To All
PITMAN
Cleaners and Tailors

TIMES CHANGE . . .
. . . AND WE WITH TIME
BUT NOT THE WAYS OF FRIENDSHIPS
SEASON'S GREETINGS



May the New Year bring you a full measure of prosperity
Sikeston Auto Parts Co.
Sammie Wiseman, Owner
Norman Cotrell, Manager

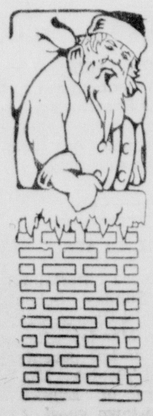
Many Happy Returns of the Day!

Christmas would not be complete for us if we failed to extend our sincerest best wishes to our many friends and customers!
Bob Rafferty
Agent Shell Oil Co. and his Dealers

It's a Pleasure

to wish all of our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage, and trust that we may continue to be of service to you in the years to come.
Sterling 5¢ to $1 STORE

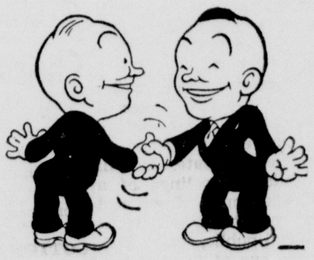
the Joys of Christmas
Are Enhanced by the Thoughts of Our Associations in the Past
Happy Christmas to All



Sikeston News Service

Here's Hopin
That jolly old St. Nick will remember you well on this glad occasion, and too, that the New Year will see the realization of your every dream.

L. T. Davey
The Sikeston Plumber



TO WISH YOU
Just a wonderful Christmas and all Happiness in the New Year.
TO THANK YOU
For your splendid patronage during the year just ended.
PHONE 181
CITY CAB
Arthur Maxcy

CELLAR STAIRS MUST BEAR HEAVY LOAD

Cellar stairs deserve more consideration than they have receiving. Although cellar stairs bear more heavy loads than other stairs in the house, they are frequently constructed in a careless manner.

While cellar stairs need not be finished as well as the main stairs, they should be given as much consideration insofar as safety and use are concerned, according to FHA officials.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYBODY

CHIPS Shoe Shop Repair Shop

SOUTHERN COOKING
From 100 Southern Recipes

OLD TIME COOKIES

Still a tradition in many Southern homes is the big stone cookie jar. Visitors as well as members of the family are invited to reach into the jar "as often as you please" for a between meal snack or before going to bed at night. With a brimming glass of sweet milk you'll like.

PLAIN OLD TIME COOKIES

½ cup margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon baking powder
2¼ cups flour

Cream margarine, add sugar and then well-beaten egg. Add milk gradually. Sift baking powder with one-half the flour and add, then add more flour a little at a time. Beat and add flour until mixture leaves sides of bowl. Store in a cool place for an hour or more to stiffen. Break off small pieces of dough, roll out on floured board and cut in fancy shapes. Bake in tins greased with Cottonseed oil margarine in a hot oven (400° F.). This recipe may be varied by dividing the dough and adding a little cocoa to part of it; a few spices to another; and a little grated coocanut to the remainder. Yields 3½ dozen.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color 100-page free cook book, "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

FUN...IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — (Special) — "It's fun to play in the sun" say these fair visitors to the Valley of the Sun around about Phoenix, Arizona—one of America's foremost winter playgrounds.

These charming devotees of Old Sol are demonstrating a few of the more vigorous activities inspired by the clear desert air and balmy winter warmth. Rest and relaxation, too, are among the popular pastimes and are exceedingly pleasant in this winter home of the sun.

Santa Fe Railway Photos

Test New-Type Cotton Gin

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 21.—A new type cotton gin, embodying the revolutionary principle of "air-roll," is undergoing tests here.

Its inventor, Charles R. Berry of Greenville, claims it is the first fundamental departure in cotton ginning since Eli Whitney developed the saw-tooth method.

Mr. Berry claims the new method is an improvement over the standard cotton gin because the air roll type does "a more thorough job in removing trash."

TRAVELS CONTINUOUSLY

In standard gins, he says, the cotton is fed into a roll box which tightly compresses it into a roll through which the gun saws drag, engaging the line on the saw teeth. The saws then pass through a series of ribs which remove seed from lint.

In principle thus is the same method used by Whitney in the first successful gin.

In the air-roll gin, Mr. Berry says, the cotton travels continuously in an air stream from the time ginning starts and instead of using ribs to remove seed from fiber, high speed imparted to the seed by an air stream carries the seed from the saw while the fiber remains on the saw and is removed by an air blast jet at another point on the arc of the saw cylinder.

In this way, Mr. Berry says, more trash is removed with the seed and a better grade of cotton produced. Another advantage is claimed in that the saws in the air-roll gin revole at 2200 revolutions a minute compared with 750 revolutions per minute in standard grades.

WILL RAISE GRADE

"The principles involved will undoubtedly raise the grade of any cotton ginned through it over cotton ginned in a convention gin of the present day type," Mr. Berry said of his invention.

"The cotton in this gin remains in a fluffed condition throughout the time it is being ginned, which helps produce a smooth sample at the press and which also facilitates the removal of trash."

Butler County Road Will Be Paved

Jefferson City, December 22.—The State Highway Commission today announced a low bid of $404,801.13 for 11½miles of 22-foot concrete paving on Highway 67 in Butler County from Route 14 to the Arkansas state line.

The bid was submitted by the Koss Construction Company and Clark, Kearney & Stark, Des Moines, Ia. The work includes grading, construction of two bridges and roadside improvement as well as the paving.

The Koss Construction Company also submitted a low bid of $249,-853,81 fro grading and paving six and one-half miles of Route 4 in Gentry and Harrison Counties from Albany to New Hampton.

A low bid of $44,876.20 for surfacing three and sixtenths miles of Route 45TR in Platte County was offered by the Midwest Precote Company of Kansas City.

"Day-after" turkey baked in a deep-dish pie has a holiday touch when topped with star-shaped biscuits. Toast rounds sprinkled with grated cheese are also delicious topping for chicken or turkey casserole.

Robert H. Davis Dies After Stroke

Fredericktown, Mo., December 22.—Robert H. Davis, former State Representative from this district and widely known in Republican politics in Missouri, died last night in his sleep after suffering a paralytic stroke. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Davis, who also was a former Prosecuting Attorney in both Wayne and Madison Counties, was offered an appointment to the United States Senate by the late Gov. Sam A. Baker in 1925 on the death of Senator Selden P. Spencer. He declined on the theory a younger man could do a better job, and Gov. Baker named George H. Williams of St. Louis. Mr. Davis and Gov. Baker were boyhood friends.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Mr. Davis practiced law here for more than 40 years. He was named the most outstanding citizen of Madison County this year by business men of this city.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ada Ward Davis; two daughters, Miss Rachel Davis and Mrs. Ruth Nash; three sisters, Miss Kate Davis, Mrs. Sarah Miller and Mrs. Mary Frank, Thayer, Mo.; a brother, Henry Davis, St. Louis and a nephew, Bryan Purtett, St. Louis attorney.

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday. Burial will be in the Fredericktown Cemetery.

RARE BIRD

Wisconsin now has a new feathered resident. When a Forest Ranger of the Chequamegon National Forest and Herbert Ochsner of the Division of Timber Management observed a yellow-headed woodpecker recently while on a timber sale, their curiosity was aroused. A Wildlife expert pronounced the bird an arctic three-toed woodpecker. Field men of the Milwaukee Museum verified the conclusion. This species of bird is very rare,, and it is the first time that it has ever been seen in Wisconsin.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

FASHION PREVIEW

A fitted red leather jerkin like a Highland chieftain's, set in a coat that would make you almost invisible on the matching plaid seats of the Chrysler Highlander.

'Grapes Of Wrath' Film Adjudged Best Of Year

New York, Dec. 22.—The National Board of Review of Motion Pictures today selected "The Grapes of Wrath" as the best film of the year on the basis of artistic merit and importance. The movie was adapted from John Steinbeck's novel dealing with social and economic problems growing out of the migration of "Okies" to California.

The board selected "The Baker's Wife," a French production, as the best foreign-language film, and "The Fight for Life" as the best documentary movie. It gave honorable mention to "Power and the Land," another documentary film.

Choosing the "10 best American films" of the current year, the board ranked the following in the order named: "The Grapes of Wrath," "The Great Dictator," "Of Mice and Men," "Our Town," "Fantasia," "The Long Voyage Home," "Foreign Correspondent," "The Biscuit Eater," "Gone With the Wind" and "Rebecca."

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A dilapidated roof can quickly lower the value of a home. It is unsightly and detracts from the beauty of the neighborhood, and many times it is also a dangerous fire hazard.

An attractive, protective, and fire-resistant roof may replace the old one with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES

Final figures for 1940 will most likely show that our greatest item of import was news.

The average person is fiercely proud of many of his short-comings and idiosyncrosies in order not to be ashamed of them.

Another great advantage in being right is that you are not seized with violent anger when it becomes necessary for you to defend your position.

"A wandering oval-shaped celestia body has been discovered by astronomers."—Press report. For goodness sakes! Has the universe, too, laid an egg?

No man does better or worse than to break even with his implausible world. He comes into it with nothing, and he takes nothing away when he leaves it.

A secret agent reports that the most common injury reported by Fascit soldiers in the war against Greece is entered thus on the records: "Stubbed toe on mountain en route to the rear."

To One and All We Extend

We thank you for your many favors during the past year and extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing You

A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

and All Happiness in the New Year

Walton & Williams Motor Company

Sales Ford Service

Merry Christmas

We cherish the thoughts of the fine friendships that have been ours in the past and we desire to take this means of expressing our genuine thanks for your courtesies.

We wish you the best of good things for Christmas and the New Year.

S. B. HARDWICK
REAL ESTATE

May
ALL HAPPINESS
Be Yours at
CHRISTMAS
And Every Day of the
NEW YEAR

GID DANIELS TAVERN

A Yuletide Wish

To You . . and You . . and You

May Old Santa remember you with many things in token of our appreciation of the many kindnesses with which you have remembered us during the past.

Merry Christmas
Prosperous New Year

RED'S PLACE
Jim "Red" Ellis
Open 24 Hours Every Day

A Joyous Noel

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting"... We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable.

May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.

Happy New Year

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SIKESTON STANDARD
C. L. BLANTON, Editor

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1940

All Aboard!
I Wish You a Jolly Good Christmas

Happiness and Prosperity through the New Year

JEWEL COAL YARD

WANTS

Evergreen Grave Blankets—plain, $3.50; decorated, $5.00. Phone 501, Woehlecke, the Florist. (tf-26)

FOR SALE — Circulating Heater, good condition, Call 638 or L. M. Standley. (1t-28)

FOR RENT—1 large room furnished or unfurnished. 628 Murray Lane. (2t-29p)

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, gentlemen preferred. 1014 N. Kingshighway, Phone 732. (tf-27)

FARMS FOR SALE—Special bargain on 160 and 80, cheap price and very reasonable terms for quick sale. We are also making a great reduction on all kinds of furniture from now until Christmas. Hurry to get your pick. Sikeston Furniture Co., 517 Prosperity St., Sikeston, Mo.

FOR SALE—House Trailer, fully equipped. 411 Prosperity. (tf128)

FOR SALE—Whole dressed No. 1 fancy fat hogs, any size you want, delivered direct to you. Lowest prices. Watson's Store, Miner Switch.

LOST—Small, curly haired dog, part Spitz, white with black spots. Answers to Teddy Bill. Reward. Phone 204 or 137. (1t-29)

FOR SALE—One team native 5-year old draft horses; 1 team native draft mares, foaled to jack; 3 young mares in foal to jack; 1 team of 5-year-old big mules; 6 head of mules from 3 to 10 years old. Cash or terms with secured notes. See them at Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co. (tf-28)

FOR RENT — Modern 6-room house on Moore Ave., just remodeled. Phone 965. (tf-28)

LOST—Friday night, light color shell rimmed eye glasses in black case. Finder please return to Alice Van Horne, 274 N. Ranney. Phone 427. (1t-29)

FOR RENT — Modern sleeping room for gentleman. Close in. 102 E. Kathleen, Phone 267. tf-21

FOR RENT—Modern 7 room house 515 New St. Also modern 5-room house. 924 N. Ranney. Phone 761-W. (tf-29)

EVERGREEN GRAVE BLANKETS Plain, $3.50; Decorated, $5.00. Phone 501, Woehlecke, the Florist. (tf-26)

Now is the time to place your order for your Christmas Fruit Cakes. Mrs. W. H. Sikes, Phone 462. tf-23

FOR RENT—Bedroom for ladies only. Mrs. W. T. Malone, 219 W. Gladys. Phone 204. (tf-26)

FOR SALE—'36 Chevrolet Sedan, good condition, $200. H. J. Dickerman, Matthews, Mo. (2t-28p)

YES, WE HAVE FIREWORKS of all kinds. Watson's Store, Miner Switch. (tf-26)

FOR RENT — New 4-room house with bath. Hardwood floors. Call 668 after 4 p. m. (tf127)

WANTED — Position caring for children by middle aged lady. Inquire at Standard Office. (2t-28p)

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For your thoughtfulness to this institution. It is our incentive to strive for greater things and inspires us to greet you at this glad Christmastime with a genuine message of good cheer.

FAIR GROCERY AND MARKET

A Joyous Yuletide

May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of dreams and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of...
HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

HARTZELL BLACKSMITH AND WELDING CO.

MAY JOY THIS

CHRISTMASTIDE

attend you and may new found blessings make the New Year more bright.

We gratefully acknowledge your consideration during the past and solicit your continued thoughtfulness.

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The Oliver Line
East Malone Ave. Sikeston

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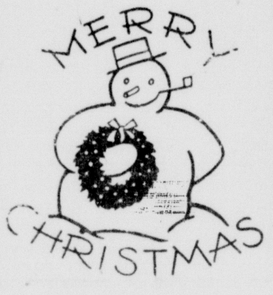
GROCERY AND LIQUOR STORE

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
IS THE SINCERE
WISH OF
ANDRES GARAGE



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and
SINCERE GOOD WISHES
For your Health and Happiness at Christmas time and for the New Year.
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With sincere good wishes we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your continued patronage . . .

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"Now where Jesus was born . . . there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . ."

Thos Wise Men were symbolic of the learned people of that time. They recognized a true ruler . . . one who was to bring peace and happiness rather than a monarch or dictator who ruled by force. They realized and knew that He was endowed by His Father with those faculties necessary to help them solve the problems of their time.

Today we need more Wise Men . . . men who will guide world affairs, end aggression, and bring Peace to All. We need Wise Men to help us solve our economic, social and religious problems. If our 'Wise Men" today would more clearly follow the example set by the Wise Men of old of bowing down and worship Him the World would enjoy Peace and prosperity rather than misery, suffering and need that now exists. May the Wise Men of Old be our "Guiding Star" during the Xmas Season and during the year 1941.

REISS DAIRY

CHRISTMAS AGAIN:

We wish to extend Yuletide Greetings to its many friends, customers, business associates, and prospective customers.

Let us be humbly thankful that throughout the American Continent, peaceful scenes will greet this Christmas morning, even though much of the rest of the world is torn by war. And let us look hopefully toward the day when "PEACE ON EARTH — GOOD WILL TO MEN", is a fact everywhere as HE, whose birthday we celebrate so much desired.

We hope that your own fireside rings with good Christmas cheer, and that the New Year will be especially gracious to you and yours.

We have enjoyed our business relations with you in the past, and are looking forward to its continuance, resulting in a prosperous NEW YEAR.

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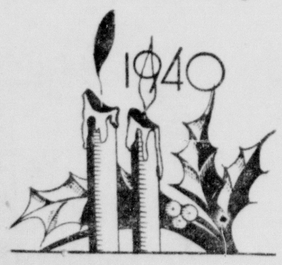
CHRISTMAS



AT CHRISTMAS
Picture little bundles, medium-sized bundles and big bundles, all jammed to overflowing and maybe you'll know just how much happiness we wish you during this Merry Christmas season.
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PHONE 137

News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Sgt. and Mrs. C. C. Maranville and their nephew, John Menge, accompanied by David Lumsden and DeWitt Lambert as their guests, and Mrs. Arthus D. McGibney departed Saturday afternoon for San Antonio, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. McGibney will visit relatives in Alice, Texas a part of the time.

Mrs. Mabel Crouthers Atkinson of Los Angeles, Calif., has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crouthers, who live seven miles south of Sikeston; and another daughter, Mrs. Mary Goff and son, Charles Rayburn Maxwell of Tarwell, Texas, were expected on Dec. 22 to visit in the Crouthers' home.

Send the TWICE A WEEK SIKESTON STANDARD this year to the son, daughter or other relative for Christmas. A years subscription makes an ideal Christmas Present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nance expect to spend the holiday season as guests of Mrs. Nance's mother, Mrs. Mary Campbell in Joplin.

Mrs. W. H. Michell and her daughter, Miss Sarah Ann, have as their guests for the Christmas vacation, their son and brother, John Michell, a student at the Rolla School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., and A. C. Moon of Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. F. M. Sikes and Mrs. C. C. Stewart will be dinner guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Lindsay Brown in Charleston, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, their daughter, Mrs. M. S. Cagle and son of Carrizo Springs, Texas, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown and two children of San Antonio, Texas, arrived Saturday night to visit Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. Carrie Fisher, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Others who will join the family group here for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Conrad and three children of Flat River and Betty and Charley Maze of St. Louis. Mrs. Carrie Fisher and her daughter, Miss Margaret Louise, will entertain the family at dinner Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Manley expect to have as their guests this week end, their mother, Mrs. C. A. Manley and Mrs. R. J. Izard of Forrest City, Ark.

Miss Olga Matthews, Joe Jr., and Bob Matthews were guests at a dinner in Blytheville, Ark., Monday evening, given by Mrs. Jack Scanlin in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCutchen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harty and their daughter, Miss Eleanor were dinner guests of Mrs. Harty's mother, Mrs. J. G. Mechin at Gray's Point Sunday.

Miss Nancy Leslie arrived last Friday from Washington, D. C., where she is employed in the Navy Department, to spend the holidays with her father, Leroy Leslie and Mrs. Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips will have as guests for dinner Christmas day, Mrs. C. D. Matthews Jr., Mrs. John Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews III and their children, Dot and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Swacker and son, Art expect to go to St. Louis Wednesday morning to visit relatives until Friday, when they will be accompanied to Sikeston by their younger son, Billy, who will remain over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Anthony of Carthage, Mo., are expected this Tuesday to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harwell and son, and Mrs. Harwell's mother, Mrs. R. M. Bugg will be guests at a dinner at the Dunn Hotel in Poplar Bluff Christmas day, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heckemeyer will visit relatives in St. Louis the last of the week, going there on Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hollifield of Route 2 are the parents of a daughter, born at their home Friday, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodman of Jefferson City arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Rodman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall, during the Christmas holidays.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews on Christmas day will include Mrs. Scott Alexander of Charleston, Mrs. Betty Matthews, Mrs. E. C. Matthews, Miss Olga and Edward Matthews.

Miss Anette Bledsoe of East Prairie was the week end guest of Miss Mary Emma Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Myers left Monday night to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents near Memphis, Mo.

Moore Greer Jr., a student at Sunflower Junior College at Morehead, Miss., arrived Monday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Greer.

Mrs. Louie Largent entertained her bridge club last Thursday evening with a buffet supper, and Christmas party. The decorations, tallies and scores carried out the Yuletide theme and presents were exchanged. Husbands of the club members were invited guests at the party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Klein will have as dinner guests Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein, their daughter, Miss Evelyn, and son, Jean, and Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cornell and son of St. Louis are expected to visit Mrs. Cornell's grandmother, Mrs. Betty Matthews, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dunagan, son Danny Lee, and Mr. Dunagan's father, Lee Dunagan, plan to spend Christmas day at Thebes, Ill., with Mrs. Dunagan's mother and sister, Mrs. R. E. Harper and Mrs. Alvie Waddell.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Jones will go to Cape Girardeau this Tuesday to visit the latter's family over Christmas.

The following from Sikeston will go to LaForge Christmas day to be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Puckett: Mr. and Mrs. Dal Harnes, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Harnes, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Parks and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sneed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh left this Tuesday morning to visit relatives in St. Louis and Festus until the last of the week.

Mrs. Pat Davis and children, Imogene and Pat will be guests of relatives in Cairo, Ill., Christmas day.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyce Christmas Eve and day will be the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Boyce, and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Green, parents of Mrs. Charles Boyce, all of Anna, Ill.

Mrs. J. R. Trousdale will have as out-of-town guests Christmas Eve and day, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummins of Maplewood, Mo.

N. E. Fuchs returned home Saturday from St. John's Hospital in St. Louis, where he had received further treatment.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Kendig and sons, John and Tom will drive to Willow Springs, Mo., today to visit Dr. Kendig's mother, Mrs. J. C. B. Davis until Thursday.

Mrs. Chris Francis entertained at bridge Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Milem is visiting relatives in St. Louis during the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Greer, their daughter, Miss Jane, and son, G. B. III, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moss and their daughter, Miss Laura Neville, of Union City, Tenn., at a party at their lodge on Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., for college friends of Miss Moss.

Miss Martha Jane Myers was a luncheon guest of Miss Jane Greer Monday, en route to Paragould, Ark., from Charleston, for a holiday visit.

Monty Monan came in from California Sunday for a visit with the family of his brother, Tom Monan, and other relatives in Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter, Mrs. L. D. Randol and two grandchildren, Ranney and Martha Jean Evans will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook in Carbondale, Ill., Christmas day.

Mrs. Lutie P. Leslie and Mrs. Mary Earls of Morley will spend Christmas day in Sikeston as guests of the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and Mrs. Earl Johnson will entertain at dinner Christmas day for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Malone of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sharp, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, Mrs. R. S. Rutledge of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Val Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell and sons, Charles, Bob and Jack and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Sikes and son, Alfred, will be guests in the home of Mrs. Sikes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weber in Bloomfield, Christmas day.

Mrs. John Harper accompanied home her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vogelsang of Cape Girardeau, Sunday night to visit over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson of Pryor, Okla., are expected to arrive today to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Throgmorton. The group will spend Christmas day in Pocahontas, Ark., as guests of Dr. Throgmorton's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Largent's dinner guests on Christmas day will include the latter's mother, Mrs. M. V. Mumma, grandfather, J. C. Atteberry, aunt, Miss Ella Atteberry, and her brother, Richard Mumma, all of Gideon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Houser and daughter of Perryville and Joe Allen of New Madrid were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Allen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Higgins of Decatur, Ill., will spend the holidays here with the latter's mother, Mrs. Hester Carraway, and other relatives.

R. D. Sorrells of East St. Louis spent the week end at Sikeston visiting friends. Mr. Sorrells is assistant music supervisor in the public schools of East St. Louis and has just signed a contract to direct the Shrine Band in that city. Mrs. Sorrells has been quite ill and has just returned from Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis.

SGT. C. B. JOHNSTON MARRIED AT DEXTER

The marriage of Miss Barbara Pruitt, daughter of Mrs. Ollie Pruitt of Dexter, and Staff Sergeant C. B. Johnston of Randolph Field, Texas, took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian Church in Dexter. The Rev. Walter C. Smith officiated in the presence of close friends and the families.

The bride wore powder blue with a small hat and veil of the same color and white accessories. Her flowers were pink roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. John H. Hughes, Jr., of Malden and Dexter, who was dressed in gold with black hat and accessories, and wore a corsage of Talisman roses.

K. C. Johnston of Randolph Field, Texas, brother of the groom, was best man.

The church was decorated in Christmas colors of green and red, and the bridal party stood under an arch of greenery. Tall standard vases of white chrysanthemums and gladioli were placed on each side of the arch.

Mrs. Charles Ardinger Sr., of Dexter played the nuptial music and Mrs. Charles Ardinger Jr., sang a solo before the ceremony.

A reception was held at the bride's home for the guests, following which Sgt. and Mrs. Johnston left for a short stay in Memphis, Tenn. They expect to visit in Dexter, Kennett and Sikeston during the holidays.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnston of Kennett and a brother of Mrs. P. A. McDougal of this city, who with Mr. McDougal and their son, Dick, attended the wedding.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to all who comforted and helped us at the death of our sister, Mrs. Dixie Lee Stokely.

We will long remember the kindness of friends, neighbors and church members and all who extended sympathy.

The Family.

FIGHT ON BURIAL SOCIETIES

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Members of the Missouri Funeral Directors' Association are proud to have the support of the Post-Dispatch in their fight against burial societies in our state.

We will move on in our fight, and next year, we hope, will see it finished, with the Legislature taking action to protect the thousands of Missouri citizens whose funds are being tied up in these societies.

ROY P. SCHWARTZ,
Secretary, Missouri Funeral Directors' Association.
Hannibal, Mo. (Adv.)

Demo Leaders Have Dinner Here

Democratic political leaders of Southeast Missouri met Sunday evening at the Dun Hotel to discuss plans for the future, at a turkep dinner given by J. S. Wallace, Scott County State representative.

Those present also were C. L. Blanton, Sr., and C. L. Blanton, Jr., of Sikeston, State Senator L. D. Joslyn of Charleston, Rep. Dan O'Brien of Mississippi Couny, Rep. George Munger of Stoddard County, Rep. Arthur S. McDaniel of Dunklin County, Representative-elect Buckley of Pemiscot County and Representative-elect Mrs. McManus of Ripley County.

If detached and hung up, a leaf of the bryophyllum calicinum plant will grow roots from its margins.

WITH our hearts full of the true Christmas spirit, we wish to express our appreciation for your loyal friendships in the past year. It is good to know that our efforts have not been in vain and that we have met with your hearty approval.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERY ONE FROM

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Louie Largent and Pet Crites

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEASON'S GREETINGS

. . . and so we wish for you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous and happy Holiday Season. May health and happiness be yours throughout the coming year and in the years to come.

T. A. Slack Insurance Agency

Please forgive us

If we did not get to see you personally to extend Season's Greetings. We just couldn't see all our friends so we must, of necessity, but not by preference, take this means as a substitute. Yet, we say in print, with just as much sincerity as though we were talking to you personally . . .

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

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A Joyous and Merry Christmas!

A Happy, Prosperous New Year!

That's our wish for you and yours during this most happy of seasons!

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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NOTICE

The State Supreme Court on December 11 ruled that Burial Assns., are illegal and ordered the State Legislature to enact law to abolish such Assns., that pay off in Funeral Merchandise.

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Greetings!

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year

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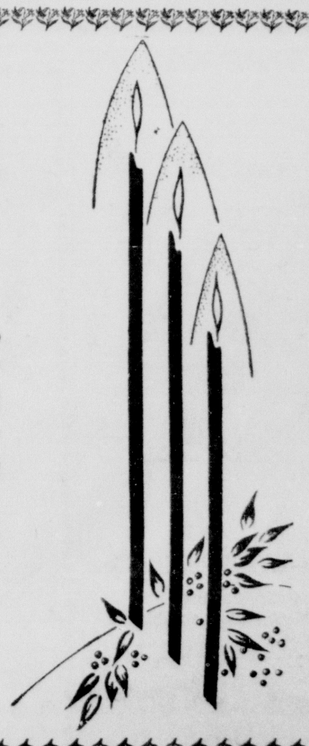
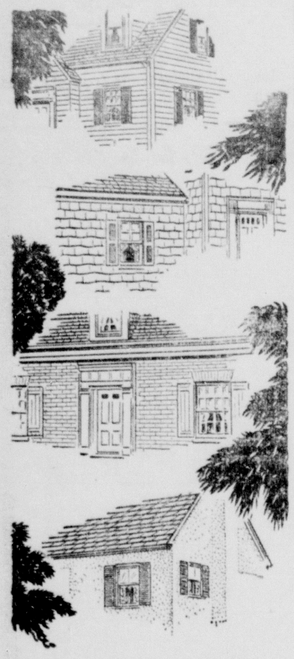


Better Homes Living

Wood, brick, stucco, and stone may all be used effectively and attractively as outside wall materials in the construction of new small homes.

Exteriors of wood construction predominate in the new single-family houses built under the Federal Housing Administration's program, although in a large percentage of the new houses several materials are combined.

The wood clapboard wall is interesting in appearance, inexpensive, and adaptable to many styles of house.



Wood shingles are especially appropriate for an informal type house. They may be sawed or split. So-called "hand-made shingles" have an interesting texture. Shingles may be laid in a variety of ways. They are usually colored by stain.

Brick is lending charm and beauty to many of the new FHA homes. Brick makes a handsome wall. It is re-sistant and, properly constructed, is durable and strong.

Flexible and adaptable to many styles of houses, stucco can be given a great variety of color and texture. Wide variation in possible surface texture is available, ranging from quite smooth to comparatively rough. Color variations in the material are possible.

REPAIRS RAISE PROPERTY INCOME

Improvements to fill modern needs and modern demands may be made under the FHA Modernization Credit Plan on thousands of income properties that need modernization to maintain their income potential.

Retail stores and other commercial establishments that need modernization to insure their attractiveness to customers are eligible for improvement under the FHA plan. Apartment houses, hotels, schools, and colleges are among other types of structures which may be modernized under this system of sound credit.

Normal improvement programs and the steady maintenance of existing property are as important to a sound real estate market as new building.

Sprinkle chopped parsley over tomato soup for the traditional Christmas colors. Let thin strips of bread toasted in a slow oven until crisp be the soup accompaniment.

What's New in Cooking

by Gertrude Dent

Gilding the Sweet Potato

Most men still do not feel that dinner is complete without potatoes, despite the fact that some of us who diet, shun them completely. But if you have a man to cook for, you'll want to know how to serve potatoes in as many interesting ways as possible.

Sweet potatoes are most plentiful during the fall and early winter months. Although their preparation compares in many ways to the white potato, they may be "gilded" even more heavily, with sweeter flavors, such as pineapple, orange juice, maple syrup or marshmallows.

One of the most interesting recipes for sweet potatoes is made with marshmallows. It is a pleasant surprise, when biting into these crisp, sweet potato balls, which have been fried to a golden-brown, to find a soft, melting marshmallow.

When you do deep fat frying on a modern electric range, there'll be no problem of overheating the fat. Controlled heat on the surface units of these new ranges eliminates guesswork in top-of-the-range cooking; a choice of 5 speeds provides just the right heat for every cooking operation. All you need to do is to heat the fat on the range with the switch turned to High. When the fat has reached the desired temperature, turn switch to 3rd position, to maintain temperature.

SWEET POTATO SUPRISE

(Serves 6-8)

3 cups hot sweet potato (riced)
4 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
8 marshmallows
1 egg (beaten)
1 tablespoon cold water
½ cup crumbled corn flakes

Combine sweet potato, butter, and salt, and allow mixture to cool. Divide mixture into 6 portions. Pat out, place a marshmallow in center of each, and shape into balls. Combine beaten egg and water. Dip sweet potato balls in egg mixture, then roll in crumbled cornflakes. Fry in deep fat heated to 375°, until the potato balls are well browned.

Washington Comment

Back in the time of the World War, Congress remained in operation for 354 days, a record up to that date. The present session may be said to have got its second wind, having already run as long as its robust predecessor, with no prospect of adjournment in sight. Very likely it will die of old age on January 3, 1941. Notwithstanding a general exodus for the holidays, West Indian cruises, and so on, the chief legislative body of the land still maintains a nominal existence, which probably is entirely justified by the press of circumstances at home and abroad.

Having been married 60 years, a Montreal woman asks separation from her husband, and says that she has "had enough". The warring European powers likewise have had enough, but show no signs of a desire to leave the question to the decision of any international court. It is written that "the wicked flee where no man pursueth". The Italians must be worse than wicked. They continue to flee but are still pursued by the vigorous Greeks and Britons. A great day will have arrived when the Axis powers decide that they have "had enough". May it not be 60 years deferred!

Even though some time may pass before European trouble makers are genuinely under control, there are matters nearer home that are not being put off. The demand for greater activity may not yet have resulted in much matured fruit, but healthy green apples are appearing here and there. Having been advanced from Assistant Secretary of War to the newly created office of Undersecretary, it is expected that Mr. Robert Patterson, or those associated with him, will make extensive changes in high War Department places, with a view to stepping up armament production, especially as to procurement and the organization of industry.

A member of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs is quoted as saying, in substance, that the first thing to be done in connection with defense is to ascertain, by means of Congressional hearings, just how we stand; a suggestion which, off hand at least, seems to have a good deal of sound sense behand it. The concept is growing, both on Capitol Hill and in the lowlands, that Congress after all is primarily responsible not merely as to granting plenty of money, but as well in seeing that it is wisely spent, a view said to be held by Senator Sheppard of Texas, among others.

Without entering into the question as to whether it is a consideration that should overshadow everything else, the shade cast by defense preparation is large. The Supreme Court of the United States is being asked to deal with such fine distinctions as the difference between "affecting" national defense and "relating" to that subject. This and kindred matters must be taken care of, but they tend to "dizzy the arithmetic" of the non-legal mind, to borrow a phrase from the writings of our friend Shakespeare.

As the year of grace 1941 draws to a close, it will do no harm to recall that other year shave preceded it, each sailing away beyond the horizon with its cargo of happenings. Four hundred years ago, Coronado was poking up into Arizona, by way of Mexico, and no doubt spreading dismay among the inhabitants. At that, they were better off than many in England, where the burning of witches was coming into vogue. By the close of 1640, the Plymouth Rock pilgrims had been softened by the luxury resulting from two decades of pioneer residence in New England, and presumably had begun to discuss the "good old times" in Massachusetts.

By the close of 1740, Europe had acquired Frederick the Great, a Prussian by the way, whose main business was to keep Europe in a turmoil of war until everyone became tired and quit, affairs being restored to the condition in which they had been before the opening of hostilities New Year's Day, 1841 found the United States digesting the results of a presidential election. A nation wide panic had worked the undoing of President Van Buren. H was down and out, to his surprise. The White House was being set in order for the coming of William Henry Harrison, and inauguration plans were well underway.

DESIGN CLOSETS TO FIT THE DEMAND

The Federal Housing Administration suggests that closets be measured to suit the demands of the home owner and that sufficient storing needs dictate the sizes of the areas to be closeted.

A good rule to keep in mind when planning a closet, according to FHA officials, is: a closet should be compact and efficient rather than large and space consuming.

"Fisherman's Luck"

Hardy fishermen, dragging in their strong cotton net, bring in an unwanted catch—a floating mine—in this painting by the noted illustrative artist, Anton O. Fisher. Long known for its strength and endurance in the fishing industry, cotton likewise plays an important part in naval war, with cotton cellulose probably serving as the base for the explosive in the fishermen's mine. Clothing for sailors, canvas for deck coverings, cellulose for explosives—all are products of cotton.

Home Owners Forum

By ABNER GORDON

Water pipes exposed to the danger of freezing should be well insulated to prevent cracking. This is equally true of interior as well as exterior installations.

Moulded coverings of cork, magnesia, or asbestos are widely used, while plain sheets of hair or wool felt wrapped around the pipe and secured in position with string usually assure ample protection for lines shielded from weathering.

All pipes must be bound solidly, no separations appearing between the sections of insulation. Connections and elbows should receive extra protection as joints are particularly vulnerable to splitting and seepage.

When a house is to be vacated for the winter months the plumbing should be completely drained, eliminating the necessity for insulation.

Q.—How should a sanded finish be applied on interior wood surfaces?

A.—First apply the usual undercoats of white lead paint, and then finish off with a topcoat sufficiently heavy to assure the firm adhesion of sand. A slight reduction in the oil content of the standard finish coat formula of half and half (by volume) soft paste white lead and lead mixing or lead reducing oil thickens the film, providing an excellent sanding base.

The sand should be thrown or blown against the painted surface immediately the finish coat is applied. When the paint sets up, the sand will adhere firmly.

Q.—The firebricks in the back of a fireplace loosens periodically, evidently due to the intense heat. How can they be relaid to eliminate this trouble?

A.—Try relaying the brick in a bed of fire clay or refractory cement, eliminating the use of sand in either case. Mix the binder with water to a thick consistency.

CHECK EFFICIENCY OF WIRING

FHA officials advise prospective home builders not to take it for granted that their new homes will have proper electric lighting and convenience outlets for the use of appliances.

Careful checking of the plans will assure correct installation of a wiring system that should serve for the life of the house. Additions and changes after the house is completed are far more expensive than a good job in the beginning.

HOME, HIGHWAY EQUAL HAZARDS

Deaths in accidents in and about homes in the United States equaled the number of deaths in highway accidents in the year ended June 30, according to the annual report of the American Red Cross for that period.

Red Cross officials declared that "the tragedy is emphasized by the truth that in most instances these accidents should not have happened—were 'preventable."

Timely repair of many danger points in the home would do much to curb the high accident rate. Now that these repairs may be easily financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration, there is small excuse for unsafe conditions in the home.

Well-seasoned bread stuffing is as important to Christmas dinner as cranberry sauce. If pocketbook or preference requires a holiday roast that is small, serve the dressing in stuffed shoulder, beef or veal birds, or stuffed chops.

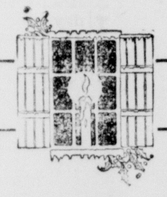
Heartiest Wishes for a Merry ★ CHRISTMAS and a Happy ★ NEW YEAR

SHEPHERD'S VIENNA CLUB
Tom Shepherd

WE SINCERELY appreciate our friendly associations during the past season, and with more pleasure than we can say, we wish you all the Happiness and Prosperity that Christmas and the New Year can bring.

Dr. F. L. Sisson

Greetings



To One and All

Inspired by the thought of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

We send to you, not only as a customer, but as a friend—our best wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Happy New Year!

Paul's Engineering Service
We do only Heating and Cooling
East Highway 60 Phone 812

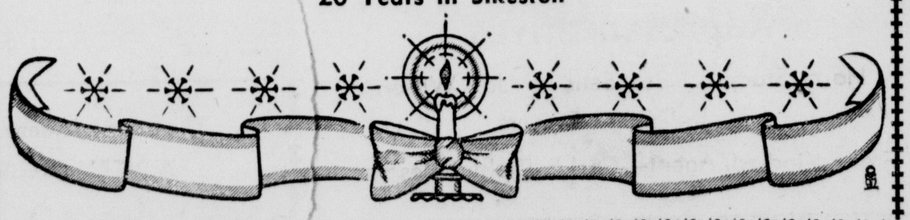
McKnight-Keaton Grocery Company
(And their 42 employees)
WISH TO EXTEND
The Seasons Greetings
To the Users of
Grand Prize, Golden Drip, Fox, Radio and Tast Good Food Products.

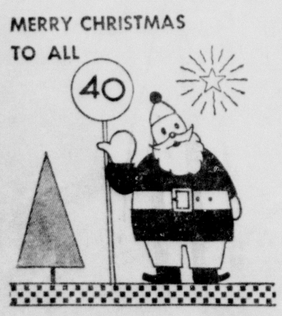
We appreciate your increased patronage of these brands, and shall endeavor to improve the quality where possible, that we may give you even greater values in the future.

When you order food—insist on these brands, and get good quality for your money. We won't let you down. Our future success depends on your support of these brands, and you can just bet that we are going to see that both quality and price are right.

We wish you continued success, Prosperity and Happiness—which comes to you who buy HOME PRODUCTS from HOME MERCHANTS, thereby increasing the prosperity of YOUR town—which you CANNOT do without SHARING in this prosperity you help to create.

McKnight-Keaton Grocery Company
20 Years in Sikeston





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We Are Now in Our New Location
131 WEST MALONE
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Maid Of Cotton Points The Way

Mary Nell Porter, Memphis debutante who served as the National Cotton Council's 1940 Maid of Cotton, sets the pace for Christmas shoppers with this varied selection of cotton gifts. Preparations to make this Christmas a Cotton Christmas are now under way in Communities throughout America.

Flood Control is Now Reality On St. Francis River Says Noce

Col. Daniel C. Noce, of the Memphis district, U. S. Engineers, was in Poplar Bluff this week after making his last official visit to Wappapello dam.

"We now have flood control on the St. Francis river," Col. Noce said definitely while here. "Our dam is sufficiently far advanced that the St. Francis river can be controlled and floods can be prevented along the river to the south."

Col. Noce will leave the U. S. Engineers on Dec. 26, and will go to Newburg where he will be connected with the army training camp now under construction. He was ordered into that department since he was an army reserve officer, and will give up his work with the engineers until such time as the army training is completed.

The Wappapello dam concrete work has been finished and the height of the dam is sufficient to hold back any average flood, the Colonel said.

Greenville, in the path of the lake which the dam will create when it is in full operation, is preparing for moving day which will be within the next few weeks. Some houses already are being built at the new location, and a number of others will be moved there by contractors already employed, just as soon as final plans for this work can be completed.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

It is estimated that during 1940, total premiums paid for pilot, passenger and plane insurance in the air-conscious United States will amount to $3,750,000.

Wallpaper Use Is Unlimited

The use of wallpaper as a finishing for the interior walls of the house offers an unlimited range of decorative possibilities.

Wallpaper runs the gamut from formal hand printed scenic types to small figure papers suitable for a cottage bedroom.

FHA officials say that there are no hard and fast rules for choosing papers, an dinteresting effects are obtained through original uses. Washable wallpapers have recently been added to more standard types. These should not be overlooked in deciding on the wall finish.

Color and tone in wallpaper may be used to excellent advantage to set the color scheme of the room, since several colors are usually combined in one paper. The draperies can pick up one shade, the upholstery another, small art objects another.

In general, where the paper is figured, the draperies should be plain. Horizontal lines in the paper may be continued across a window by the use of striped material.

If the paper pattern is of intermediate size, it will help adjust small furniture to a large room. A science panorama on only one wall will give a room depth. A gay informal pattern with a rought tevture will conceal an uneven wall. Drop ceilings, where the cealing paper is brought down on the side wall to a malding or border, improve the apparent proportions of a room which is too tall.

The Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan makes it easy for home owners to change the entire decorative scheme of the house with modern new wallpaper.

BRICKWORK REQUIRES GOOD WORKMANSHIP

Good workmanship is essential for good brickwork, Federal Housing Administration officials advise builders.

The brick should be laid level with uniform mortar joints not exceeding three-quarter inch in thicknes. Joints should be filled solid with mortar and be weathered or tooled. Bricks which are sound, hard burned, free from cracks, and uniform in size should be used. Good bricks also will not absorb too much water.

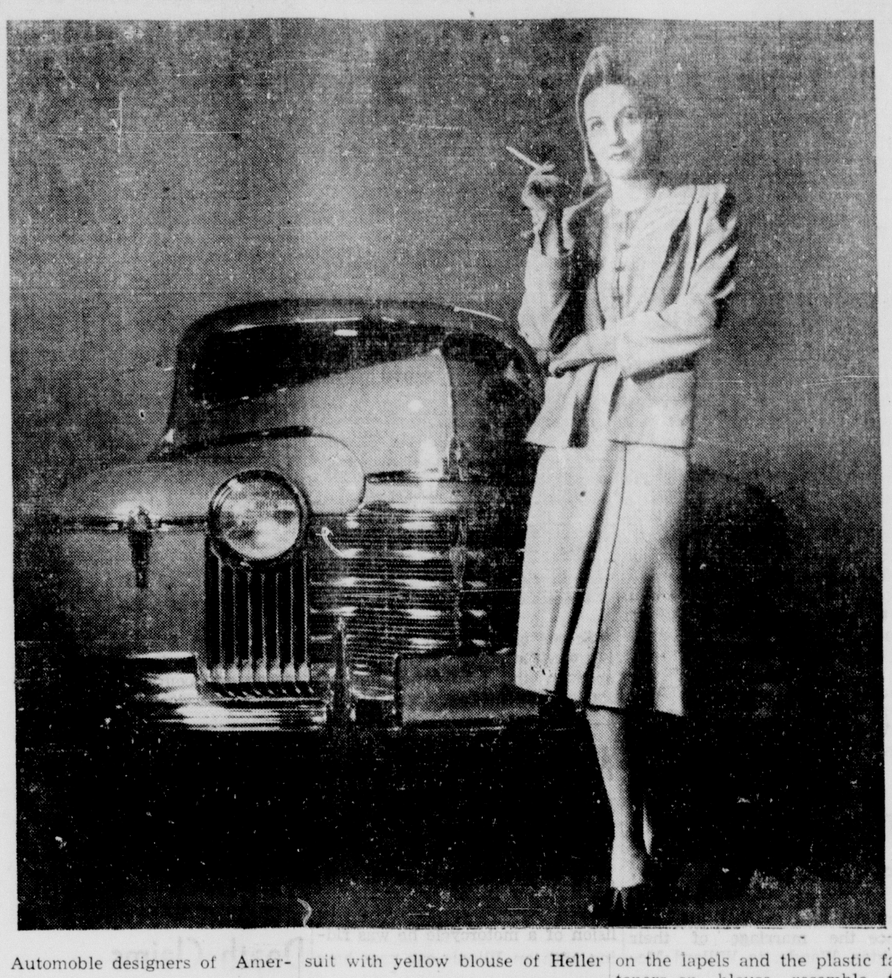
HAREM SCAREM?

A recent report submitted to Forest headquarters from Deschutes National Forest, Oregon, goes something like this: "We (two rangers) were eating lunch when Emil said, 'Look at the antelope.' There were nineteen nannies and kids coming up a little draw single file on the lope. Suddenly a big ram caught up to the herd and attempted to turn the leader off from her set course. All of the herd stopped but the leader, who made a dash up the hillside. The old boy took out in hot pursuit. He ran that nanny all over the hillside for several minutes and finally turned her back to the herd which was now all bunched up at the toe of the slope watching the race. After getting all nineteen of his harem together, he nudged them off at right angles through a low saddle. Several times the old nanny tried to break column and head up hill, but the old boy was right there like a collie dog bringing in a band of sheep."

Do antelope rams have harems and it is customary for them to dictate as to where their harems are to go?

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

★ ★ FASHION PREVIEW ★ ★



Automoble designers of America turned their talents to designing 1941 models in dress. This gray suit with yellow blouse of Heller rayon jersey was designed by Oldsmobile. The yellow chevrons on the lapels and the plastic fasteners on blouse resemble the chromium bars on the Cruiser Club Sedan, as pictured here.

Causes of Defects Defined

Cracks in plaster ceiling of new homes may be traced to one or several faults, according to Federal Housing Administration officials.

Cracked ceiling plaster is often the result of using second floor joists of insufficient depth to have the required stiffness or the omission of floor joist bridging.

When too small, joists invariably sag under the weight of furniture and people and cause cracking of the plaster and unsatisfactory floors. Bridging of wood or metal placed between the joists at intervals of about eight feet assists in the prevention of ceiling plaster cracks by distributing to several joists any exceptionally heavy concentrated loads or sudden jolts that may be applied directly above one or two of them.

Proper bracing of the structural frame to resist vibrations and doubling of floor beams under partitions and around floor openings are important precautions against ceiling cracks. The use of unseasoned lumber, which shrinks in the process of drying out, may also contribute to cracking of plaster. Metal lath strips used in the angles between ceilings and walls reduces the tendency for cracks to develop at that point.

Another important cause of plaster cracks, which is probably more often noticed in the walls than in the ceiling, is settlement due to inadequate footings. Improper application of platser backing, such as wallboard or laths, is sometimes responsible.

Christmas Wishes

Every good wish for your happiness at this joyous Christmas Season.

We have enjoyed the past year with you and are appreciative of your consideration.

JOE MATHIS
City Collector

A N OLD FASHIONED
MERRY CHRISTMAS
IN STREAMLINED DRESS

May the Yuletide Season, with all its spirit of good fellowship, bring great joy to you and abundant prosperity in the coming year.

H. C. "Buzzy" WATKINS
County Clerk

Merry Christmas to Al

It has indeed been a pleasure to have served you during this past year. May we express our grateful thanks and

Sincere Appreciation

of your valued patronage and trust we have merited the continued privilege of serving you throughout the year to come.

Nall's Country Club

A Merry Christmas

In Our Very Best Manner
We Wish You the
Nicest Christmas
You've Ever Had...

WALLACE STORE
J. S. Wallace

In the true friendly spirit that dominates the entire world at this time, we extend our wishes for a delightful Yuletide Season and a successful New Year. We sincerely hope that the pleasure we have had in serving you in the past has been mutual, and we wish to take this occasion to thank you for all past favors.

JOHN HOBBS
Sheriff

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
to One and All

...from every member of this organization. We are pleased if we have been of service to you at any time in the past and invite you to call on us at any time in the future.

C. E. FELKER
Collector of the Revenue

Best Wishes

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
to our hundreds of friends

At this time, the most glorious holiday season of the whole year, we extend our sincere felicitations to our many friends and customers.

FOX STORE
Morehouse, Mo.

A Merry Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Time-worn words, but the most appropriate of them all. When we say "Merry Christmas" you can be sure that it is expressed with genuine appreciation of its true meaning.

EMIL STECK
County Treasurer

Here's Wishing You a Happy Holiday

To each of you who have contributed to our success and to those of you who have given us your fine friendship we extend a hearty and genuine

Merry Christmas

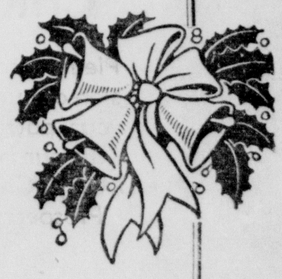
May Peace, Happiness and Prosperity be yours for many, many years.

H. F. KIRKPATRICK
Record of Deeds

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And may the Happiness of the Holiday Season be yours through all the coming—

NEW YEAR



T. F. HENRY
Associate Judge

140th Infantry

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before going into action.

Every state of the United States was represented in the Meuse-Argonne drive, and the German army was at the height of its efficiency. The Meuse protected the right flank of the American forces, while the left embraced the Argonne Forest, whose ravines, hills and elaborate defenses, screened by dense thickets, had been generally considered impregnable.

"OVER THE TOP"

On Thursday, Sept. 26, the 140th followed the 138th "over the top" at Vauquois Hill, a huge fortress that dominated the hill and had been held by the Germans since 1914. The hill fell and the 140th advanced onward and took Charpentry with a heavy cost of life from machine-gun fire. On the morning of Sept. 28, with very little rest, the regiment advanced onward, reaching Montrebeau Woods. Enemy artillery, planes and machine guns had inflicted terrific losses. The Third Battalion, in its advance past Chaudron Farm to Montrebeau Woods, had lost 50 per cent of its men, and a larger per cent of its officers. The Second Battalion "H" and "G" were in front each with less than a hundred men.

The 140th led the attack on Exermont, facing a frightful barrage of artillery and machine gun fire, as well as gas. Major Murray Davis, a highly valued officer and already wounded, was killed. The regiment, with the 110th Engineers, consolidated their positions just short of Exermont. On Tuesday, October 1, the shattered remnants of the 140th—reduced to a quarter of those who had gone forward at Exermont, was relieved by the First Division.

KILLED AND WOUNDED

The War Department gives the following figures about the 140th: Killed or died of wounds, nine officers, 239 men; died of disease or other causes, one officer and 94 men; wounded severely, seven officers and 485 men; wounded slightly, 46 officers, 802 men; wounded, degree unknown, 188 men; total wounded and dead, 63 officers, 1808 men; captured by the enemy, two officers and 45 men; total casualties, killed and wounded, not including death from disease, 62 officers, 1714 men; total losses, 1823 officers and men—nearly fifty per cent of the authorized strength and perhaps seventy per cent of the actual front line strength.

After the Armistice, the regiment was quartered at Boncourt and Pont-sur-Meuse, near St. Mihiel. On Feb. 18, the 35th Division was reviewd by Gen. Pershing and the Prince of Wales. In April the regiment embarked from the port camp of St. Nazaire on the Nansemond, arriving at Newport News April 28.

DATA ON REGIMENT

Other information about the 140th Infantry:

Streamers authorized: World War—Alsasce, Lorraine, Meuse-Argonne.

Coat-of-arms: Approved May 17, 1927.

Shield: Azure, on a bond or two Loraine crosses of the field; in a dexter base of a seven-pointed star argent.

Crest: That for regiments of the Missouri National Guard, on a wreath or an azure, a grizzly bear standing rampant proper.

Motto: "Siempre Listo" (Ever Ready").

Description: The shield is blue for the infantry. The bend is from the arms of Lorraine, and the two Lorraine crosses are for the two major engagements of the organization during the World War; the seven-pointed star was the VII Corps badge during the Spanish War.

LIONS CLUB HONORS TROOP 43 AT DINNER

Scouts of Troop 43 were guests last week at a dinner by the troop's sponsor, the Lions Club, at the Palace Cafe. There were 81 persons present, including the Lions, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. A speech on Scouting was given by Arthur Sherwood of St. Louis, long engaged in the program at that city, and awards were presented.

Guard Farewell Party Dec. 30

The farewell party sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary and civic organizations for Company K, which is leaving for training camp, will be held at the armory Monday night, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p. m.

U. S. District Attorney Harry Blanton of St. Louis will be the principal speaker, and the 140th Infantry Band of Chaffee, directed by Lieut. Oscar T. Honey, will play.

The public is invited and a special invitation is extended to families of the Guardsmen.

Thep rogram:

"Star Spangled Banner."

Invocation, Lieut. Col. Blount F. Davidson, chaplin of the 140th Infantry.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Lieut. Honey.

Music by the band.

Address by District Attorney Blanton.

Instrumental music.

Remarks, C. H. Denman of Sikeston.

Remarks, Mayor G. W. Presnell.

"God Bless America," by the assemblage.

Benediction.

Dillon Theater Has First Anniversary

The Dillon Theatre of Morehouse is celebrating its first anniversary this week. Because of the occasion, the theatre is offering an exceptionally high class program, which also is in keeping with Christmas week. The theatre has manitained a high standard of entertainment since its opening.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Morning Worship at 10:45 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Redeeming The Time."

B. T. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Evening Worship at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Becoming Sons of God."

Prayer Service Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Plans are being made for a New Year's party at the church, with Rev. A. B. Cooper of Charleston as guest speaker.

Rev. E. W. Milner, pastor

PATIENT TO HOME

Mrs. Sid Schillig, who underwent a minor operation at the Sikeston General Hospital, was taken in the Ellise ambulance to her home on Lindley Avenue.

Man On Motorcycle Hurt in Crash

Lester York, 23, of Dexter, suffered a fractured left arm and broken bone in the foot in a collision of a motorcycle he was riding with an Illinois car near here early Monday morning. He was treated by Dr. T. C. McClure at the local hospital for the fractures and minor cuts. York, who works in Cape Girardeau, was en rote home and said his motorcycle glanced off the car, which was driven by an Illinois man.

tured nose. A girl companion of Morris had a tooth knocked out.

Each driver believed the other was across the center stripe in the headon collision, Trooper V. P. Boisaubin said. They were treated at the Sikeston General Hospital. A man with Nichols was not hurt.

Cars Collide West of City

A 1933 Ford coach driven by Leonard Morris, who lives east of city, collided with a 1936 Ford driven by Dewey Nichols of Morehouse, a short distance past the west sand hill about 4 a. m. Sunday. Morris received a broken arm, and Nichols received a fractured nose. A girl companion of Morris had a tooth knocked out.

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Death Claims Morehouse Woman

Mrs. Eva Mae Pryor, 36, died Sunday morning at 3:30 in the Sikeston General Hospital. An infant son also died.

Wife of John Pryor, farmer living two miles south of Morehouse, Mrs. Pryor was born August 1, 1904, at Clarksville, Tenn. She was active in the Baptist Church at Morehouse.

Surviving besides the husband are six brothers, Bill, Garrison, Charles, Babe and Frank Bryant, all of Morehouse.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Morehouse church, Rev. W. M. Parrott officiating, and interment with Welsh service was in Memorial Park.

TAKEN TO HOME

Mrs. Ima Throop of Randles, who was a patient at the Sikeston General Hospital, was taken in the Albritton ambulance Monday to the home of her father, south of city.

TRAIN STREWS $16,000 ALONG 4-MILE STRETCH

Mount Gilead, O. — Inhabitants between the villages of Cardington and Edison, west of here, thought today that Santa Claus had paid them an early visit this year.

An estimated $16,000 in currency was scattered for four miles along the right of way of the New York Central Railroad between the two towns when a mail sack burst.

Men, women and children combed the territory in a "gold rush" looking for about $1,000 of the "folding money" still missing. Railroad officials said most of the money was recovered by train crews before the public learned of the currency shower.

The sack, consigned to the First National Bank at Mount Gilead from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, broke when it was thrown from the train as it sped through Edison.

Hinton-McDaniel Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinton announce the marriage of their daughter, Wanda, to Willard McDaniel on October 27 at Bloomfield. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. S. Sercircir at the Baptist parsonage. Miss Aileen McCoy and Billy Beal attended the couple.

Mr. McDaniel is employed at the Sikeston Coca-Cola Bottling Works and Mrs. McDaniel has a position with the F. W. Woolworth Company.

Scout Sponsoring 'Magical Varieties'

Leroy the Great will present his "Magical Varieties of 1941" under the auspicies of the Boy Scouts of Sikeston at the Sikeston High School auditorium on Friday, Dec. 27, at 8 p. m.

LeRoy features Doletta, the "world's tiniest entertainer," 59 years old and 28 inches tall; Charlie McCarthy's cousin, the wooden head and his voice, with Jean Mercer; and Mr. X, the "Radiomentalist."

Scouts of the three Sikeston troops are selling tickets for the performance.

DAUGHTER AND SON RETURNING FROM SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Fisher of Morehouse were in St. Louis Saturday to meet their daughter, Miss Helen, who attends Duke University, and their son, Cadet Roger Fisher of the U. S. Military academy at West Point, N. Y., who were returning home for the Christmas vacation.

TO GREET YOU...

Just to wish you happiness and all that brings you cheer on Christmas Day, and every day of the coming year. May the blessings of a Merry Christmas follow you wherever you go throughout a Happy New Year.

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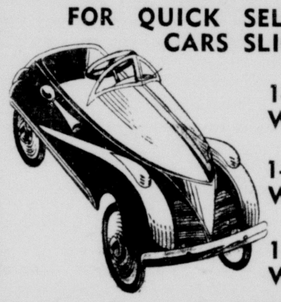

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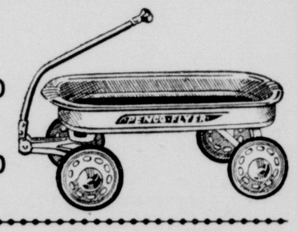

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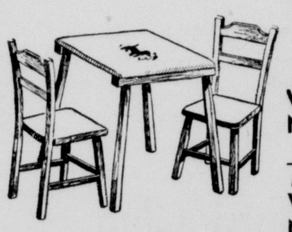

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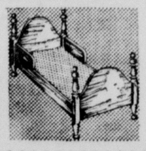

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The P. C. Editor Says:

Edward Edelen, who has been on The Standard staff in the capacity of reporter after three years severs his connection with this paper with this issue and will go to Florida in search of health. We are sorry to lose this young man as he is a high type gentleman in every respect and has rendered service of a high order to The Standard. Mr. Paul Bumburger, now with the Ames, Iowa, Tribune and who substituted for Edelen for a few weeks last summer will join The Standard staff January 2, 1941 and with Mrs. Bumbarger will make Sikeston their home. With Edelen goes the good wishes of the many friends he has made while a citizen of Sikeston and the entire Standard force wish him health, happiness and contentment wherever he goes.

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During the six months Mr. I. A. Myers has been in charge of The Standard subscription list there are but three subscribers who have not paid for the paper in advance in the city of Sikeston. The lists on rural routes and other communities are in almost as good condition. Soon after January 1, 1941, an auditor for the Circulation Audit Bureau will visit Sikeston to certify The Standard as a member of that Bureau of which there are but 25 country papers in the United States with paid up circulations.

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Democracy must work better in 1941 than it is working in 1940 if it is to justify claims American leaders make for it. The great defense program is 30 per cent behind schedule. Capital and Labor are subordinating the national welfare to their own petty quarrels. Unemployment continues at too high a level. Millions of people go hungry while an unprecedented surplus of food piles up. The time has come for the president to exercise his constitutional powers by declaring that a state of emergency exists, which would mean an end to partisan politics and an end to the horseplay that is making a mockery of commonsense in this country. Foolishness like Big Business is a party to at this time is what brought Democracy into disrepute in Europe. If Democracy cannot make jobs for the unemployed, furnish food for the hungry and induce industry to produce what is needed for the national defense, the masses cannot be blamed for rating it a failure. Now, as in 1933, the people want action. The administration at Washington must quit begging Capital and Labor to do their duty. It must give orders and enforce them.—Paris Appeal.

Those Were the Good Old Days . . Of the Groaning Table

"A Merry Christmas to All."

TABLE D'HOTE.

Mobile Bay (Plants) Oysters on the Half Shell:

SOUP.

Green Sea Turtle. New Orleans Gumbo.

FISH

Mackinaw Trout, boiled, Anchovy Sauce.

OYSTERS.

Raw Oysters. Escaloped Oysters. Oysters in Champagne.
Broiled Oysters. Oysters with Fine Herbs. Stewed Oysters.

Hot Relieves.

Turkey, Oyster Sauce. Back Bones and Turnips.
Leg of Young Lamb au Petit Pois. Venison Chops with Prunes.

Hot Entrees.

Les Filets de Boeuf, Braisee, aux Champignons.
Salmi of Prairie Grouse, with Spanish Olives.
Legs of Young Rabbits, Saute, a la Chasseur.
Hard Shell Crabs, Deviled, Maxwell House Style.
Charlotte of Apples, a la Parisienne. Sweet Breads, a l'Espagnole.
Lamb Tongues, with Puree of Green Peas.

Cold Side Dishes.

Les Cervelles de Veau, en Demi Deul. French Mushrooms, en Aspic.
Boston Baked Pork and Beans. Sliced Boned Capon, Aspic Jelly.

Grosse Pieces Froide. (Ornamented.)

Boned Wild Boar's Head, a la Royale. Lobster Salad, a la Russe.
Boned Turkeys, Ornamented a la Maxwell House.
Galantine de Dinde, en Belle Vue.
Buffalo Tongues, Decorated Bridge Fashion.
Mayonaise de Volaille, au Celery. Ham, Decorated with Aspic Jelly
Aspick of Oysters, a la Francaise. Pate de Fois Gras, a la Strasbourg
Hart & Hensley's Spiced Round of Beef, en Sockle, Ornamented.

Hot Relishes.

Gigot d'Agnean, a la Provencale. Rice Croquette, Orange Flavor.
Les Petite Omelets, a la Parisienne. Small Patties, American Style.

Cold Relishes.

Cheese. Horse Radish. Celery. Cold Slaw. English Pickles.
Chow Chow. Spanish Olives. Worcestershire Sauce.
French Mustard. Hill's Home-made Chow Chow.

ROASTS.

ADAM COE'S XMAS BEEF, WITH POTATO CROQUETTES.
Suckling Pig, a l'Anglaise. Loin of Veal, Madeira Sauce.
HART & HENSLEY'S (New) C. C. C. HAMS, CHAMPAGNE SAUCE.
Young Capon, Giblet Sauce. Domestic Ducks, with Jelly.
Saddle of Kentucky South Down Mutton, with Red Currant Jelly.
Green Goose. Stuffed Young Turkeys.

GAME.

Leg of Cumberland Mountain Black Bear, Sauce Poivrade.
Tennessee Opossum, Baked with Sweet Potatoes, Old Virginia Style.
Kentucky 'Coon, Devil's Sauce. Roasted Quail, au Natural.
Saddle of Minnesota Venison, with Red Currant Jelly.
Canvas-back and Red-head Ducks. Blue-wing and Wood Ducks.
Roasted Wild Turkeys, with Cranberry Sauce. Wild Goose.
Young Prairie Chickens, Broiled, Steward's Sauce.
Broiled Pheasants, a la Maitre d'Hotel. Roasted Mallard Ducks.

Vegetables.

Baked Sweet Potatoes. French Green Peas. Stewed Tomatoes.
String Beans. Yarmouth Corn. Mashed Irish Potatoes.
French Asparagus, Butter Sauce. Oyster Plant. Succotash.

Pastry.

Mince Pie. New England Pumpkin Pie. Peach Tartlets.

Puddings.

English Plum Pudding, Sherry Wine Sauce. Indian Pudding, Cold Sauce

Small Pastry.

Lady Cake. Wafer Jumbles. Jelly Drops. Yellow Cocoanut Drops.
Rosalind Cakes. Sliced Fruit Cake. Pound Cake.

Confections.

Peach Candy. Almond Drops. Peppermint Drops. Cream Bonbons.
English Walnut Bonbons. Gum Drops. Chocolate Caramels.
Rose Cream Almonds. Candy Mottoes. French Mixed Candies.

Ornamental Pieces.

Black Cake. Almond Macaroon Pyramid. Fruit Cake.
Lady Cake. Jelly Cake. Italian Marble Cake.

Jellies and Creams.

Charlotte Russe. Russian Jelly. Maraschino Jelly.
English Cream. Apple Brandy Jelly.

Fruits and Dessert.

Malaga Grapes. Almonds. Pecans. English Walnuts. Apples.
Figs. London Layer Raisins. Oranges in Sherry Wine. Green Gages.
California Apricots. Pears. Dates Pine Apples in Champagne.
Vanilla Ice Cream. Frozen Roman Punch. Bananas.

ENGISH BREAKFAST TEA. FRENCH COFFEE.

Tax Collections to Run Ahead of Last Year

Despite the fact that delinquent collections are running well behind those of last year, indications at present are that Sikeston's tax collections will run slightly ahead of last year, City Collector Joe Mathis said Saturday with ten days until the end of the year.

The difference has been made up in real estate collections due to the additional assessments from new building here, he said.

For the first eleven months of this year, the office took in $35,-117, and for the same period of 1939 the result was $35,028, placing 1940 ahead by $88.

The total for last year was $46,-759.

Delinquent collections last year amounted to $2600, and in additional $822 was paid in interest on back taxes and $122 on clerk costs that also goes to the city, Mr. Mathis said. Returns in this bracket this year will amount to little more than half that of last year.

Results in back taxes were better last year because the City Council, in line with a new state law, passed an ordinance permitting the sale of delinquent property merely through advertising it, although the original owner had the privilege of redeeming his land in two years.

The maximum amount of taxes collectible, exclusive of licenses, is set at $32,710, or $1366 more than for last year, based on property assessments. This sum includes real estate, personal, merchants, bank, cemetery and poll taxes. For real estate alone, $19,-659 was levied for the current year, while $18,956 was charged in 1939. These amounts, in other words, represent what the city would take in if every cent of taxes were collected.

Due to the fact that assessments are made over a year in advance of tax levies, the mammouth stride in new building construction in Sikeston should influence tax collections even more next year.

DRAIN PIPES OF UNHEATED HOUSES TO PREVENT FREEZING

Owners of unheated and vacant houses are advised by plumbing and heating authorities to drain the water from plumbing fixtures, piping, and tanks in order to prevent freezing and damage.

One Meal in Four Free With Ad

Something different in getting a meal is offered by the B & N Cafe on Center Street.

With an ad appearing in this issue of The Standard, one person out of four dining at the cafe either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day can receive a free meal. The offer is made in the nature of a Christmas greeting by the cafe.

Give cotton Christmas gifts. They mean added prosperity for you and your neighbor.

Golden topping on an upside-down coffee cake is made of cooked or canned apricots, placed on top of the batter and sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon before the breakfasts is quick coffee cake baking. Prunes are good, too.

Rites Held for Mrs. Bertie Davis

Funeral services were held Friday at Cairo, with burial in the Oakdale Cemetery near Commerce, for Mrs. Bertie Moore Davis, 66, member of a early Scott County family, who died Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital, Cairo, of carcinoma.

Mrs. Davis was born at Commerce Feb. 27, 1874, and lived there until her marriage to Dr. Henry A. Davis in July, 1905. She moved then to Cairo and had lived there since. She was a daughter of the late Joseph H. and Anna Hunter Moore, early settlers in Scott County and was educated at Piedmont College at Nashville Tenn., and the Central Female College at Lexington, Mo. Her husband died in 1932.

Mrs. Davis is survived by one brother, Joe Moore of Cape Girardeau; three nephews, Albion Anderson and Marshall Moore of Commerce and Joe Haw Moore of St. Louis; four nieces, Mrs. Edward G. Grubb, Jr., of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Garland C. Brickey of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. Frances Kage of Arkansas and Mrs. Margery Soult of Cleveland, O.; two grandnieces; Miss Patricia Grubb of Miami, Fla., and Miss Henry Ann Clardy of St. Louis; two grandnephews, Charles Clardy of St. Louis and Paul A. Reardon Jr., of Cape Girardeau.

Good beginnings make good endings, so start the day with Apple Coffee Cake for breakfast. Apple slices sprinkled with brown sugar and cinnamon and baked on top of quick coffee cake batter are a taste-worthy way of using winter's abundance of apples.

To Start on New REA Line In 30 Days

Construction on the third major project of the Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi County Co-operative Association should start in about thirty days, when a hundred miles of the 260-mile project has been staked by the engineering firm, E. T. Archer & Co. of Kansas City, according to H. M. Zaricor, superintendent.

At present seventy-six miles have been staked, in Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid and Stoddard counties, as well as a small strip in the lower Cape Girardeau-Bollinger county area, he said.

49 BRANCHES

There will be forty-nine separate spurs in the 260 miles, for which the Rural Electrification Administration has alloted $270,-000. These spurs range from thirty-eight miles to a half-mile. Of the 260 miles, 209 are primary lines and the remainder secondary and service connections.

Once the contractor, the Ferguson-Diehl Construction Co. of Jefferson, Ia., begins, it will have a hundred working days to complete the project, so that the various branches should be completed in May, bringing the total mileage to nearly seven hundred.

TWO PROJECTS BUILT

On the two main projects already completed, the Co-operative has 1091 customers, or stockholders. For the original line of 176 miles, in Scott, Mississippi and New Madrid counties, the REA allotted $157,000. For extensions for the first line in the three counties, as well as branches into Stoddard County, totaling 208 miles, an additional $198,000 was allotted, bringing the mileage to 384. The system now has 422 miles, the extra thirty-eight miles being built by crewmen of Mr. Zaricor.

PAYING OFF LOAN

The Co-operative is paying off its loans from the REA at the rate of approximately a thousand dollars a month. Last August, the Co-operative paid an extra $6000, or six months' prepayment, and it is likely another pre-payment will be made in January, Mr. Zaricor said. By making the advance payments, the association is reducing the amount of principal drawing interest, and will eventually be free of the debt much earlier than expected originally.

CRAFFEE CIVIC LEADER DIES OF INJURIES

Funeral services were held at Chaffee Sunday for Edwin N. Hart, 33, Chaffee community leader and utilities manager, who died early Friday in a Cape Girardeau hospital of a skull fracture incurred in a motor mishap a week before. Manager of the Missouri Utilities Co. at Chaffee, Mr. Hart also was president of the Rotary Club, member of the Boy Scout committee, member of the Ben Hur Lodge, city treasurer and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Greetings

From These Merchants of Sikeston

Defense Causes Farm Problem

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21.—The Midwest has a refugee problem—what to do with people crowded off their land by booming defense work.

President Roosevelt said long ago new munitions factories should be located inland, away from the coasts that would bear the first shock of attack.

The government took over the first land in October. The whole thing—totaling some 250,000 acres—must be vacated by March 1.

MASS MIGRATION

This means that in little more than four months, more than 11,000 persons—in about 2500 farm families—must move, many of them in the dead of winter and some on a week's notice. This estimate is from the Farm Security Administration.

They must find new places to live—farms, or homes in city or town or village where they can stay until they can get farms. They must take along their farm implements and horses and cattle and hogs and chickens. If they have no place to put them, they must sell them.

Houses, barns and churches must be torn down. In some places, coffins must be transferred from cemetery to cemetery and family graveyards over a century old wiped out.

REGION HEADQUARTERS

The Farm Security Administration has been given the job of seeing that these crowded-out families have some place to go.

This work centers in the agency's Region 3 Office here, headquarters for Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

In the farming sections which industry is taking over, the FSA questions the uprooted families to see whether they want to keep on farming, to take employment in the factories or to retire.

It opens offices to keep these families posted on their rights and help them find farms or houses to buy or rent.

If a farmer wants to hold on to his live stock, it arranges for him to board it out until he is settled again.

If he wants to sell it, the FSA encourages him to pool it with the live stock of other farmers for a big sale that will draw buyers from far away and bring good prices.

The biggest piece of Midwestern farmland being turned over to industry is 65,000 acres in the Ozark mountains near Rolla, Mo., to be used for a cantonment and artillery range. Here 400 to 500 families must move.

In Ripley, Jefferson and Jennings Counties in Indiana, near Madison on the Ohio River, 60,000 acres are being converted into an army ordinance proving ground and 500 families must find new homes.

A track of 41,000 acres of Illinois farmland in Will County on the Des Plaines River near Joliet, where 300 families live, is to become the site of powder and shell loading factories.

Other locations and the number of acres and families involved:

Portage County, Ohio, munitions factory, 21,000 acres, 294 families; St. Charles County, Mo., TNT factory, 20,000 acres, 255 families; Jackson County, Mo., numerous small plants, 5000 to 6000 acres, 400 to 500 families.

Des Moines County, Ia., shell loading factory, 20,000 acres, 200 families; La Porte County, Ind., shell loading factory, 13,000 acres, 85 families, and Clark County, Ind., powder factory, 5000 to 6000 acres, 45 families.

Dairyman Hear Talk on Herd's Winter Problems

Ten dairymen met with M. J. Regan, Dairy Specialist of the Missouri University College of Agriculture in the Dunn Hotel at Sikeston last Tuesday to discuss problems in connection with winter feeding and management of the dairy herd.

According to Mr. Regan, the outlook on dairying and dairy products for the near future is good. Missouri could profitably use the products from 1,040,000 cows; we now have 970,000 cows. Dairy cows will therefore continue at a higher price. Dairy equipment is expected to be 50 per cent higher by the fall of 1941 than in 1940; any barn building or re-modeling should not be delayed longer. Barn remodeling is to be favored over any new construction.

Since better breeding is the basis for increasing milk and butter production of the cows in this area dairymen present agreed upon the idea that establishing 6 or 7 good bulls with good records to be exchanged between dairymen would be a definite and efficient approach to improvement in the area.

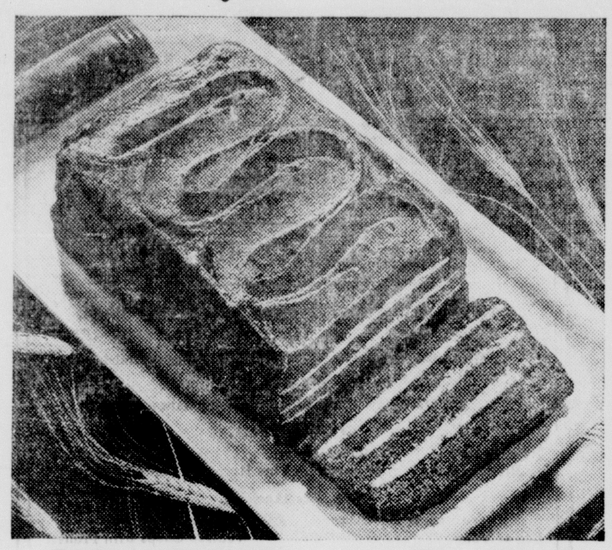
Some other pertinent facts discussed at the meeting concerned time of harvest of hay and pasture. Alfalfa should be harvested when one-tenth in bloom to contain the most nutrients. Soybean hay is best for milk production when harvested at the time the beans are beginning to get hard in the pod. Pastures grazed down every 3 weeks return the most dollars in the milk pail. Lespedeza develops tannin, in the leaves just before seed formation and is therefore not suited for dairy cow pasture after that time; this tannin causes cows to fail sharply in milk production.

A good cow normally rekuires 20 pounds of grain and 100 pounds of good hay to produce 100 pounds of milk. The kind of hay to be fed determines the per cent protein needed in the ration. If the roughage is corn stover, fodder, atlas sorge or some other non-legume the ration should contain 16.5 per cent digestable protein; if the roughage is part non-legumes and part legume, (soybean, cowpeas, lespedeza, clover or alfalfa) the ration should contain 12.5 per cent digestable protein; if the roughage is all legume the ration may contain 8.5 per cent protein. The better the roughage the less protein is required.

The next dairy meeting on common dairy cow diseases and their treatments will be held in February with Dr. Uren leading the discussion. Later announcements of this meeting will be given.

What's New in Cooking

by Gertrude Dent



If You Like Chocolate, Try This!

Sponge cake is one of the most wholesome family desserts our master chefs have yet devised. It is just about "tops' in the field from the standpoint of popularity.

Had you heard the criticism that sponge cake somtimes lacks a definite flavor, that it is apt to be dry because it is made without shortening? To remedy these possible faults, you doubtless have your own favorite formula—splitting the cake in layers, spread with lemon or other custard-type filling; or serving it with sauces or fruits of some kind.

Here is one varietion of the basic sponge cake recipe, however, which is sweet and rich and moist, and thoroughly satisfactory as a dessert for any kind of function; it calls for chocolate in the cake itself, a whipped cream filling, and a smooth mocha frosting—the final, perfect touch of flavor.

The recipe is practically "foolproof," if you can be sure of an absolutely uniform temperature during the baking. And on that score the oven of your modern electric range will guarantee perfection—for the heat is so accurately controlled that even this thin sheet of cake will bake and brown beautifully without any worry about watching or turning the pan. Controlled, moist heat in the ovens of these new ranges will keep your cake from drying out. Just put the cake into your preheated oven with the electric thermostat set as 350°, and set the timer to remind you when the cake is done. You'll have a dessert cake that will truly melt in your mouth, and will be the boast of your family.

CHOCOLATE TIER CAKE

6 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
4 eggs (separated)
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
¾ cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon confectioner's sugar

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together 3 times. Beat egg whites until stiff, and fold in sugar. Fold in well beaten egg yolks and vanilla. Then fold in dry ingredients, gradually. Add chocolate, and mix carefully. Pour into well-greased jelly roll pan (11x16 in.) Bake in a moderate oven with the electric themostate set at 350°, for about 15 minutes. Turn out on damp cloth. Cut off crisp edges of the cake, and cool. Cut cake in quarters, and put together with sweetened whipped cream between the layers. Cover top and sides with Mocha Frosting.

Frosted Coffee Cake is perfect flavor-mate to breakfast coffee. Spread the hot-from-the-oven coffee cake with a simple icing made of teaspoon grated orange rind in the icing gives a delicate tang. Chopped nuts sprinkled over the frosting add a glamour note.

GIRL WRITES GOD, CARE OF HEAVEN, U. S. A.

Richmond, Ind., December 21.—A letter addressed to "God, Heaven, U. S. A.," and was signed "A Little Girl Who Says Her Prayers Every Night," was found in a mailbox here.

"Dear God," the childish scrawl beseeched, "forgive me for all the bad things I've done during the past and please make mother well because I am not happy when mother is sick.

"I wish mother and daddy lived together. But I guess if mother does not love daddy she cannot live with him. I sorta think daddy still loves mother though.

"Well, I have to get to my school work. A Merry Christmas to You and all angels."

There are 4896 "talkie" theaters and only one silent picture theater in England. The latter is located at Manchester.

State Highway News

THE COMMISSION:
Claude C. Earp, Chairman — Edward W. Gray, Vice-Chairman
H. G. Simpson, Member — Robert B. Brooks, Member — H. A. Buehler, Ex-Officio
C. W. Brown, Chief Engineer

When Old Man Winter starts getting huffy, slinging snow and ice over the highways, don't become excited, motorists. Just sit tight! In no time at all, the highway snow patrol will appear out of nowhere and will send the old codger spinning!

If an army of 2,000 men and over 600 snow plows mean anything at all, Missouri's highways are going to remain open and passable during the winter months.

In nine of the ten highway division garages six hundred and ten snow plows wait, ready to take to the road at the shot of a gun. Ninety-four of these are new machines, bought last July.

Big Bertha, the one and only giant rotary plow in the state, is also in the pink of condition. Purchased four years ago and kept in the highway garage at St. Joseph, this machine has only been on the highway five times. But don't let this fool you; Bertha still has what it takes! Should the occasion arise, she can plow through drifts ten feet high with the ease of a hot knife cutting butter.

Three hundred and sixty-eight miles of red picket snow fence will keep at least part of the snow from highways. Counties in the northwestern part of the state—where charts show the greatest snow-fall—have 350 feet of snow fence per mile. Counties in Division 9, in the south-central part of Missouri, have only 3.3 feet per mile.

Mother Nature will aid the Highway Department in her own little way, also. As an experiment, maintenance men planted three acres of bush cherry trees in Boone County last spring, to serve the same pupose as a snow fense.

Cinders, chat and calcium chloride will make the icy spots safe, Two hundred train car loads of cinders which are heaped along the main highways at regular intervals will be scattered over the roadway by means of an automatic cinder-spreader, an invention of a highway employee in Macon.

Main routes, which used to take three or four weeks to thaw out, can now be cleared in four hours.

Planned action and modern equipment are the factors responsble for this improvement. Snow campaigns are planned as early as mid-summer. Books with complete instructions to every member of the crew, are out in October. And when the big machine actually roars into action, it makes a blitzkrieg look like slow motion!

All of this means but one thing—traffic must go through! "Keep the Roads Open" is the one purpose of the snow patrol. They'll do it—brother—or know the reason why!

HONOR TO H. J. BLANTON

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 7.—H. J. Blanton, editor of the Monroe County Appeal, has been a member of the University of Missouri board of curators for twenty years. Now he is an alumnus of the institution.

Blanton was made an honorary alumnus at a banquet of the Hannibal Alumni association today. The honor was conferred by Baxter Bond, association president, who cited the recipient as an editor and a curator. Blanton received a medal of honor for distinguished service last spring during the university's Journalism week.

President Frederick A. Middlebush of the university was the main speaker at today's luncheon.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

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Best Wishes

FOR THE

New Year

WALTER HUGHES
Constable

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Happy New Year

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C. CLARENCE SCOTT

May the spirit of the season reflect itself in all the happiness, health and joy that surround you and yours at Christmas tide.

GROVER HEATH
Simpson Station

CORDIAL GREETINGS

and

BEST WISHES

for the New Year

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109 East Center St.

1940

Merry Christmas

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The Cut-Rate Department Store

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and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

And especially thank you for the large volume of business you have favored us with during 1940 and we will do our level best to Merit a continuance of your friendship during 1941.

BILLY WALKER'S GROCERY & MARKET
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker, Owners

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Billie Seyer, Lost Leon, the bicycle boy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SANTAGRAM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

DECEMBER 25th

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
ALL OVER SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL . STOP . YOUR HAPPINESS AT THIS GLAD SEASON MAKES OURS COMPLETE . STOP . BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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Questions and Answers

Q. In building a house, couldn't I save money by supporting the chimney on a wood bracket attached to a wall rather than building the masonry clear to the ground?

A. Construction of this kind would be unwise and would constitute a severe fire hazard. Any sagging of the suporting bracket would open the joints in the brickwork and might cause the chimney to fall. Chimneys should be self-supporting, having their own foundations on solid ground and so constructed as to be independent of the house framing.

Q. I want ceiling height book shelves in my new house. Can you help me in the planning of these shelves?

A. Adjustable book shelves supported by pins at the end of the shelf are desirable. These pins are usually spaced one inch apart vertically so that a variety of shelf heights is possible. Shelves need not be more than eight or nine inches deep unless large books are to be housed. Shelves are usually made of three-quarter-inch material and should not exceed two feet six inches in unsupported length. Since shelves below a two-foot six-inch height are not very convenient, the space below this height might be made deeper if desired to accommodate large books laying flat.

Q. What information can you give me about the use of metal lath?

A. Metal lath provides a durable base for plaster and is especially desirable under stucco and waterproof surfacing in bathrooms. Metal lath is available in different types and weights for various purposes. For use under stucco, metal lath may be either zinc-coated or galvanized and for interior work either painted or galvanized. Ceilings and exterior work call for a heavier weight lath than side walls.

When applying the lath, sheets should lap at least one inch on the sides and ends and be fastened on six or eight-inch centers. If self-furring lath is not used, do not fasten the lath tight against the face of the framework to which it is attached. Instead, use a type of nail which will hold the lath one-quarter to three-eighths inch away so that the lath can be completely embedded in the plaster and afford good reinforcement.

Cotton Seed Can Be Dropped Like Corn With New Process

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A small, one-story plant in Kannett, Mo., is turning out two to three tons an hour of cotton seed treated by a new process which, the operators believe, may revolutionize the planting and growing of cotton.

Cotton seed normally is coated with a tightly clinging lint which makes mechanical planting difficult and which carries many of the plant diseases which destroy about 25 per cent of the crop each year.

In the Kennett plant, operated by the Cottonseed Delinting Corporation of St. Louis, the lint is removed by a sulphuric acid bath and the seed is dusted with a mercury compound to protect it from soil-borne diseases. The finished seeds, instead of being fuzzy, look like smooth, brown coffee berries.

ADVANTAGES CLAIMED

The advantages claimed for the processed seed are these:

Fuzzy seeds cling together, and therefore must be planted in a continuous row. When the plants come up, laborers must go along the rows with sharpened hoes "chopping" out smaller plants and leaving only strong plants at intervals of 18 to 26 inches. The processed seeds can be "hill dropped" like corn, at regular intervals, eliminating the necessity for chopping except to remove weeds in a wet season.

Plant diseases carried in the lint or on the surface of the seed are eliminated by the acid, and the mercury dust coating protects the plant from soil-borne diseases.

Removal of the lint causes the seeds to germinate more rapidly. Cotton can be planted later and harvested earlier.

Seeds can be graded by a flotation process in which inferior seeds come to the top and are removed before planting.

The yield per acre is increased by 10 to 40 per cent.

The processed seed retails at 8 to 10 cents a pound, as compared with 3 to 6 cents for a good grade of fuzzy seeds. The cost per acre to plant the processed seeds is the same or less, however, since only about 40 per cent as many seeds are required.

The process being used at the Kennett plant was developed by Dr. J. G. Brown, head of the department of plant pathology at the University of Arizona. The Cottonseed Delinting Corporation has a license for exclusive use of the process east of the Rio Grande River, and the Corneli Seed Co. of St. Louis is the distributor for the territory.

COMPANY STATEMENT

Earl M. Page, president of the seed company, explained that experiments with acid and mechanical delinting process have been carried on for about 20 years, and disinfecting seeds with a mercury compound is a common practice. Only with the machinery developed by Dr. Brown, however, can both steps be performed mechanically and economically, in a continuous process requiring about 20 minutes, Page said.

"The Kennett plant began operation last March," Page said, "and about 600 farmers in Southeast Missouri used the seed last year. We will have the plant on a 24-hour-a-day basis before the planting season this spring, a new plant in Pine Bluff, Ark., will begin operating about Jan. 15, and eventually there probably will be about 15 plants scattered throughout the South.

"If these seeds are widely used, they may have an important effect upon the labor problem. At present cotton planters need a number of laborers for the chopping in the spring and the picking in the fall, and these laborers are largely idle during the rest of the year.

"Processed seeds will eliminate the necessity for chopping, and if the mechanical cotton picker is commercially successful, as many experts believe it is, the labor required for picking will also be reduced.

"There would undoubtedly be a temporary problem created by the displacement of the seasonal labor, but the ultimate effect should be a beneficial stabilization of cotton labor."

What's New in Cooking

by Gertrude Dent

Something to Crow About

ACCORDING to nature's calendar of production, the spring of the year is the season when our friend the hen lays more and better eggs.

But we don't need to worry, these days, about a "season" for eggs, for modern methods of storing eggs in refrigerated warehouses are so efficient that not even the vitamin content of the egg is diminished. As the supply becomes more constant, so does price. But even if their cost rockets once in a while during the winter to come, try to allow one egg per day for your children as health insurance, whether you cook them "straight" or in a custard, egg sauce, or plain sponge cake.

For each egg is a fragile, tiny package filled completely with high-value food—every constituent necessary to build body-protein in an easily digestible form; vitally important minerals; and every vitamin in the alphabet with the exception of Vitamin C.

Eggs provide an especially rich source of Vitamin A—the growth vitamin which builds health and resistance to infections of the mucous membranes and respiratory tract; of Vitamin B, which is essential to the normal functioning of the nervous system and digestive tract; of Vitamin D, the indispensable sunshine vitamin we all must have in winter. No wonder doctors tell us eggs are not only "protectors" but also positive builders of health and well-being!

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"You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs," says an old proverb. And if breaking eggs is a nightmare to you, try doing it this way: Break the eggs, one at a time, into a saucer or cup; remove the yolk with a tablespoon and slide the white into its proper bowl or saucer before breaking the next egg. This way, if you happen to break one yolk into the white, you won't ruin the other whites already separated.

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Speaking of "making an omelet," here is a recipe for a fluffy omelet using cracker crumbs, which will prove a valuable addition to your menu files. It is irresistably cheap to begin with; the cracker crumbs take the place of an egg or two in this omelet; it is wholesome and tasty, and very, very good; and use of the cracker crumbs gives the omelet enough "body" so that you won't need to be afraid it will fall.

Cracker Omelet
(Serves 5-6)

¾ cup milk (scalded)
½ cup cracker crumbs
½ teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 tablespoon butter
4 eggs (separated)

Pour milk over cracker crumbs, seasonings, and butter. Cool. Beat egg yolks until very light, and pour the milk and cracker mixture over them, stirring constantly. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry, and fold into the first mixture. Pour into hot buttered frying pan. Cook slowly for 15-18 minutes, with the switch turned to fourth position. Place in modern oven, with electric thermostat set at 350°, for about 5 minutes, to dry the top. Cut part way through the center, fold, and slip onto hot platter.

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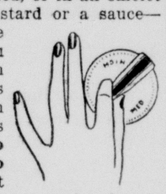
No matter how you decide to cook your eggs, whether fried, or poached, or boiled, or in an omelet or souffle, a custard or a sauce—there is one "must." You *must* cook them slowly! That is why the modern electric range is such a boon to the woman who wants perfect results: because accurate electric temperature control means you can cook your eggs over such a low heat that there is no danger of scorching or "curdling," and no danger, either, of the low flame going out. You can even make custards without a double boiler, on the surface unit of an electric range.



Oddities

Q. Suppose you see you are going to meet another car face to face, with a head-on crash. What is the safest thing to do? Will you . . . . . .

(a) Put your hands over your face, and brace your feet against the floor.

(b) Try to open the car door and jump out.

(c) Steer off the highway, duck under the cowl of your automobile and let her doll!

Q. The "shoulder of the road" is that portion of road, found in the center of the highway.

True False

ANSWERS

(c) This is what test drivers advise in case of head-on crash danger.

False. Shoulders is the part of roadway, bordering on the slab.

LARGE CROWD AT ANNUAL LA FORGE PLAY

A crowd that packed the building witnessed the annual portraying the year's progress at the La Forge resettlement project Friday night at the new school of the project. The theme concerned a stranger that returned to the project and how a lapsing community spirit was revived. Skits concerned the schooling, impersonated persons in the project office and store, and some of the families on the land. There was music on the program also.

Girls possessing keen eyesight are more capable at spotting flaws in tin plate than are men.

To each customer we'd like to give our Christmas greetings in person—but since we can't we do our best in this way.

CONOCO SERVICE STATION
Steve Schroff—Gene Aufdenberg

CHRISTMAS CHEER

YEAR AFTER YEAR

December 1940

Dear Customer:

As we approach the Holiday Season and come to the end of an active year, our thoughts turn to those who have traveled the road with us—"Our Customers." Appreciating the good friendship and excellent co-operation that you have given us throughout the year, this seems to be an opportune time to say "Thank You." We want you to regard this little message as a personal acknowledgment of your co-operation, your loyal helpful spirit. It is this friendship and loyalty that has made it possible for us to enjoy more thoroughly this wonderful Christmas Season. Thank you sincerely and may you have a joyful Holiday Season. It is our personal hope thta the New Year will bring you a full measure of health, happiness, and prosperity.

Sincerely—

Russell Walker, Ernest Inman, John Halter, Irene Walker, Chas. Miller.

North End Grocery and Market

We hope that you may have a Christmas filled and running over with the good things in life, including good health, happiness and abiding prosperity. Come in and See Me.

CITY BARBER SHOP
Luther Stropp

TO EVERYONE

As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence have been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, that this will be a most happy occasion for you and yours.

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SEE A DEMONSTRATION NOW!

Ten minutes at this range will convince you that it is an extraordinary gift—the kind of a gift she'll appreciate most. See it today!

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Scott Farm Leaders, Ag College, Sign 1941 Agreement

That the University of Missouri College of Agriculture representatives, the Scott County Farm Bureau, the Home Economics Council. President and Vice President, Members of the County Court. in a joint meeting last Friday afternoon, signed the Memorandum of Agreement for 1941. The following program was carried out:

1. Roll call.

2. Reading of minutes of last Memorandum meeting, as well as of the last monthly meeting.—Mrs. Ernest Hanselman, Acting Secretary of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

3. Reading of Memorandum of Agreement—Mrs. C. C. Hearne, State Extension Agent.

4. Discussion of the highlights of the adjusted county program and 1941 plans—Ella Fikuart, and Leon M. Lane, County Agent.

5. Recommendations by State Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Amy Kelly, of County Extension Agent and Home Demonstration Agent for 1941. Motion by board approving Ella Fikuart, Home Demonstration Agent and Leon M. Lane, County Extension Agent for 1941.

6. Financial report showing funds spent and yet available for expenditure for 1941.—Mr. Alwin G. Gasser, Treasurer of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

7. Report of the Budget Committee by Carl O. Luper, Committee Chairman. The Budget approved and plans were made to secure funds.

8. Approval by board of the Memorandum of Agreement.

9. Discussion and application of the analysis guide for sponsoring organizations led by Otto S. Ditbold, President of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

10. Events and activities of sponsoring organization for 1941.—Mr. Carl O. Luper, Vice President of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

Rare to Well Done

Though our father frequently brought home guests for meals without warning to us, there was one famous occasion when he phoned ahead. Our Danish girl, Johnanna, took the message and turned from the phone with alarm in her voice.

"He is on the way this minute with four hundred men!"

Even our tranquil mother, Mary Bertha, was a little disquieted. Four hundred men! It didn't seem possible! We mistrusted Johanna's grasp of English but she stuck to her story.

Johanna had a big pot of lobit, and hated the idea of dividing it, and haed the idea of dividing it with four hundred others, but there seemed no alternative. So when father appeared later with only four guests, we were much relieved.

Mary Bertha was, too. Father must have noticed her expression as she met him at the door, for he asked defensively.

"You knew I was coming, didn't you? I sent word I'd be here with four hungry men.'

Four hungry men! Well, no matter how ravenous, they'd be easier to feed than four hundred! And Johanna's lobscouse met the emergency. (We have reduced it here for a family of six.)

LOBSCOUSE

1 lb. boiled beef (lean)
1 tablespoon butter
1 lb. lean pork (steak)
1 bay leaf
1 onion
1 lb. potatoes (raw)
1 quart water
Salt and pepper to taste
2 sprigs parsley

Cut pork into 2-inch cubes. Fry in butter until light brown. Add water, potatoes (cubed), onion, parsley, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Boil 15 minutes. Add cubed beef. Boil briskly until potatoes are done. Stir occasionally.

Johanna's lobscouse, like the five loaves and two fishes, fed more than we had planned for, but when the meal was over and we "took up the fragments—that remained," there were not "twelve baskets full." It's no miracle—just good plain Danish stew.

LAND OF COTTON AND OF LIVESTOCK

On the cotton farmers and ranches of the South and Southwest, thousands of boys have entered into a new year of Vocational Agriculutre training. Upon these young men—and their coworkers in 4-H Clubs—rests much of the future of cotton, and the Cotton Belt benefits, and will benefit in the future, from the training for leadership which they are receiving from Vocational Agriculture Teachers and County Agents.

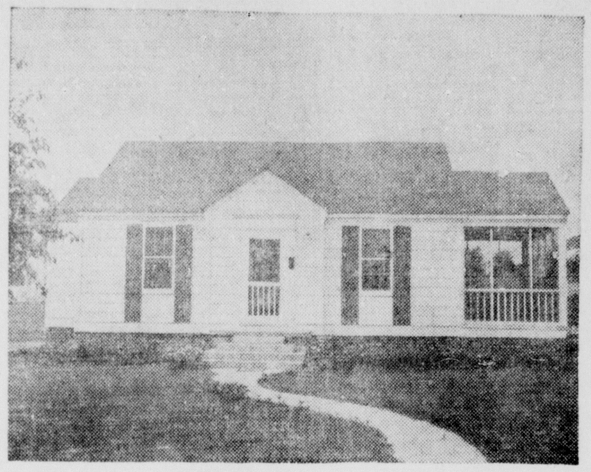
Cotton and livestock go hand-in-hand in the training and thinking of these future leaders in the land of cotton. "Balanced Farming" is more than a phrase for them—it is a basic practice around which they build their work. They know the value of cotton to the South, and study and make use of the feed products of cottonseed to blend cotton and livestock production. They use livestock production to build a more stable, more profitable system of cotton production; and coton furnishes them with essential feeds in balanced rations for livestock.

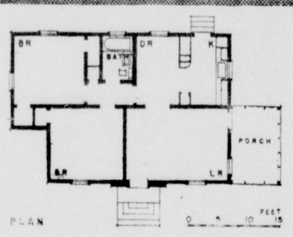
In recognition of the important contributions that 4-H Club members and Future Farmers are making, cotton oil mills of the South have dedicated their new "1941 Feeding Practices" bulletin to these boys and girls and their leaders. Just released by the Educational Service of the National Cottonseed Products Association, the new bulletin contains many photographs of Southern boys and girls and their livestock. The pictures illustrate practical feeding information for beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goats, horses and mules, hogs, chickens and turkeys.

Local cotton oil mills throughout the Cotton Belt, from the Carolinas to California, have made the publication of this bulletin possible by their membership in their National Association, and are furnishing copies of the bulletin, without charge, to young and old livestock raisers.

In classrooms and on farms and ranches, thousands of copies of this feeding bulletin are going to work to help livestock raisers with their everyday feeding problems, and to help them make the South a "land of cotton and of livestock."

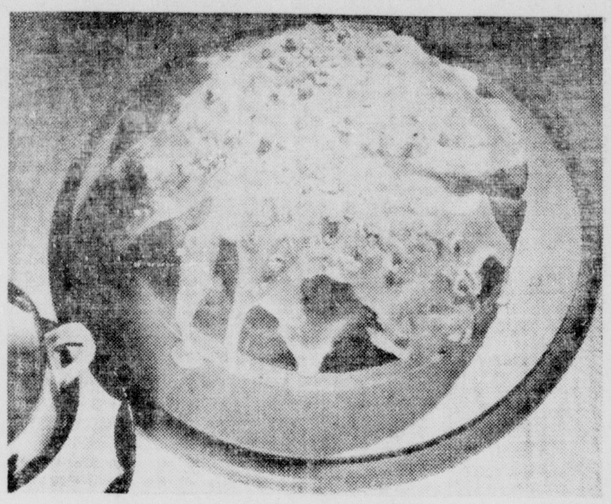
Monthly Payments Under FHA Total $16 On This House





Many of the elements which produce safe, sanitary, comfortable, and convenient living accommodations are combined in this small house. A maximum amount of usable space has been obtained for a minimum amount of money and the result is a compact unit which should meet the requirements of a family of average size and means. Valued at $3,000, the property was financed with a 25-year mortgage of $2,700 insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments amount to about $16, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance.

ORANGE SUGAR LOAF



COLD crisp mornings call for breakfasts that supply energy to battle the winds and help do the day's work. Tender, light, and glistening proudly with orange icing and chopped citron and nuts, Orange Sugar Loaf encourages taking time for breakfast.

The mixture of milk, sugar, yeast and flour is allowed to rise before the rest of the ingredients are added. Or, all of the ingredients may be combined at once, and then the batter allowed to rise once before being poured into the pan.

ORANGE SUGAR LOAF

1 cup milk
3 tablespoons sugar
1 cake compressed yeast
3 cups sifted flour
2 tablespoons grated orange rind
2 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons melted butter

Scald milk and add 2 tablespoons of the sugar. Cool to lukewarm, and add crumbled yeast, flour and orange rind. Beat until smooth. Cover and let rise until light (about 1 hour). Add beaten eggs, salt, butter, and 1 tablespoon sugar. Mix well into stiff batter. Pour into greased loaf pan and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 45 to 50 minutes. Cover with Orange Icing (see below). Yield: 1 loaf.

Orange Icing

2 tablespoons orange juice
1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons chopped citron
2 tablespoons chopped nuts

Add orange juice to sugar until it is soft enough to spread. Spread generously over baked loaf. Mix citron and nuts, and sprinkle over top.

53 Sundays in Year

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Old-Time New Year Serious

Oldtime New England was serious on New Year's, as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Fainting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions and objections: As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

Chinese New Year's Greeting

The Chinese New Year's greeting is "Sui-hi," or "May joy be yours."

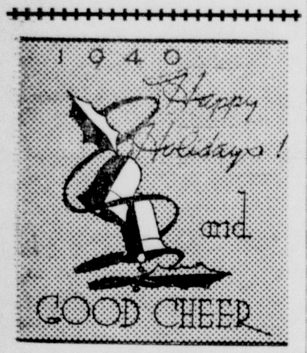
The silencing of Axis radio stations is a familiar precaution against guiding the British Royal Air Force. Rome virtually has escaped air alarms since Italy entered the war six months ago.

College Students Spending Holiday Vacations at Home

Members of the college crowd who have arrived home to spend the Christmas vacation are Miss Gwendolyn Kirk, Miss Ruth Hollingsworth, Miss Mary Lou Schroff, Miss Vondalea Lufcy, Miss Lois Hahs and John Dover from Central College at Fayette, Mo.; Miss Eleanor Righter and Marvin Rayburn, Washington University, St. Louis; Miss Mary Jane Sikes and Miss Mary Emma Allen, Stephens College, Columbia; Edward Matthews, Westminister College, Fulton, Mo., Bob Matthews, Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.; Miss Jane Greer, Sullins, Bristod, Va.; Miss Peg Donnell, Miss Eleanor Harty, Charles Tanner, Charlie McMullin, Virgil Vaughn, Loomis Mayleld, Jr., and Jean Klein, Missouri University, Columbia, Mo., Miss Betty Jo Gross, Christian College, Columbia; Miss Catherine Ann Cook, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, O.; Byron Smith, Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., Ross Hunter, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., Shad Old, Ohio State University, Columbus; Miss Helen Vera Dudley, Miss Mary Louise Montgomery, Miss Emily Kendall, Bobby Montgomery, Paul David Allen, Miss Mary Waldman, Miss Mary Helen Wagner, Billy Golladay, Paul Bowman, Miss Mary Dixon Proctor, Miss Electa Shankle, Miss Mary Emma Waller, Elwood Taylor, Billy Van Arsdale, John Ponder, Fonnie Swaim, and Albert Ancell Waggener, of Teachers College, Cape Girardeau; Miss Nina Vern Taylor, Business college, Cape Girardeau; Moore Greer, Jr., Sunflower, Miss., and Joe Dover, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

More than 10,000 retail merchants of the Cotton Belt cooperated to make the 1939 Cotton Christmas program a major merchandising success. The National Cotton Council estimates that approximately 20,000 retailers from every section of the country will participate in the 1940 program "to make this a Cotton Christmas."

More than 500 species of plants have been listed in Death Valley, Calif.



Is Our Wish For All

IDEAL
BARBER SHOP
J. W. Carmody and Sons

Our Very Best Wishes!

For Christmas!
May you and yours enjoy all the enjoyment that this merriest of holidays can bestow!

For New Year's!
May you and yours enjoy a full measure of health, wealth, and happiness on this day!

May Christmas Bring You Joy and Each Day of the Year Add to Your Pleasure!

Kingsway Market
Phone 252

The whole world is kin

AT THIS GLAD SEASON OF THE YEAR

and we take this occasion to tell you that it will be our purpose to strive to the best of our ability, to maintain the spirit of the season throughout the coming year.

Sikeston Lumber Company

Santa Won't Forget

You can take our word for it—old Saint Nick won't forget such good people as you. Somehow we just know that you are going to enjoy a happy Christmas and we are glad. We sincerely hope that everything you desire may come true and that the New Year will be one of real happiness for you.

DR. G. W. H. PRESNELL
Mayor

Bright with the Joy of the Season and filled with Good Cheer is this greeting we send to you and yours on this

Merry Holiday Occasion

KING'S
PALACE CAFE
Sikeston, Mo.

MAY EVERY GOOD WISH COME TRUE

May Christmas bring you joy and may each day of the year add to your enjoyment of life! And may we continue to serve you in the future as we have during the past!

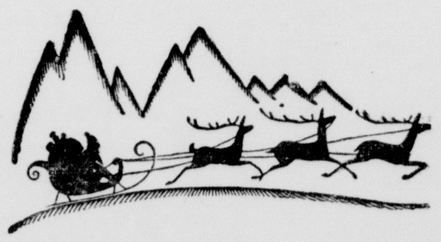
Phone 195

Sikeston Fuel Co.

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS RING IN A MOST HAPPY SEASON

May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

O. F. ANDERSON
Superintendent of Schools



Happy New Year

We'd Play Santa to Each of You

. . . and bring you a lot of nice things, and express a personal wish for a happy Christmas Season, but we have neither the means nor the time to make the rounds. As we can't play the part of Santa, we'll just pause with you a moment and wish you all the joys and prosperity in the world.

POWELL INSURANCE AGENCY

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

TAKING FLASH PICTURES

With flash, shots such as this are quick and sure—and your subjects don't have to pose in bright light.

Ann turned up with a camera problem the other night. She had been trying to take some snapshots of the pup—a lively little rascal—and he wouldn't stay put. In fact, the warmth from the photo lamps made him even more skittish than usual, and by the time she was ready to shoot he was usually out of sight.

"All right," I told her, "we'll fix him. We'll use a flash bulb, and get him down on film before he even knows it." So we arranged things, and in about three minutes she had just the picture she wanted.

Maybe you've taken flash shots—maybe not. If not, winter is a good time to get acquainted with this type of picture-taking, and you'll find it mighty useful. For most indoor shots, I use the regular flood bulbs; but for some shots, flash is much better.

It's simple to use, too, even if you don't have a flash synchronizer. Just put your camera on a tripod or table edge, and set the shutter for "time." Insert the flash bulb in a house lamp fitted with the regular cardboard reflector you use for snapshots at night—but be sure the switch is off at the moment. Now open the camera shutter — snap on the switch to flash the bulb—and chose the shutter. That's all, and you have your picture.

Moreover, you can use any film you prefer—the quick flash is bright enough for box camera exposures with daytime film, when the bulb is seven feet from the subject. And if you use high speed film, the bulb can be seventeen feet back.

With a flash synchronizer, flash bulbs are even more useful. You can even use them in the daytime, to brightn up the nearby details in a shady scene. And you don't have to put the camera on a tripod—you can hold it in your hand, and take snapshot exposures. Some of the most attractive daytime shots you see in the magazines are made with the aid of synchronized flash, and it's a real help.

I didn't have a synchronizer for a long time, because they used to be high-priced—but I bought one last year as soon as the inexpensive models began to come out. Now Ann wants one too; she knows a good camera accessory when she sees one. And maybe there's a good hint for your own camera kit. I'd certainly hate to part with my synchronizer—it has already paid for itself in first-rate pictures.

John van Guilder.

TASTES ENTER LOCATION CHOICE

Once the basic neighborhood requirements have been determined, the personal element enters into the selection of a location for a home, FHA officials say.

When two or three neighborhoods are satisfactory from the standpoint of basic plan, design, and stability, the final choice can be made on the basis of personal preference and family convenience. One may be more conveniently located to place of employment, shopping, and entertainment centers and schools. Transportation facilities may be cheaper and more rapid or the schools preferable in another.

FHA officials suggest, however, that perhaps the most important matter will be the appearance of the neighborhood and the facilities offered for social life. There may be one neighborhood among those selected where friends of the family live—friends with children about the same age and whose income, tastes, occupation, and avocation correspond. If this neighborhood offers the same or nearly the same advantages as the others under consideration, it would probably be worthwhile to select it in preference to one which in other respects might have been considered somewhat more desirable.

Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

TRYING OUT THE "COLD TABLE"

This young lady on a tour of inspection of the kitchen on one of "Santa" ships in service to the Caribbean and South America—is invited by the chef to sample some of the alluring concoctions of his famous "cold table." On these ships sailing through tropical seas, the "cold table" chef has a stellar role to play and he does it nobly. His creations include, in addition to the usual cold cuts and hors d'oeuvres, all sorts of refreshing salads which are particularly popular with passengers who are watching their weight.

Menus grow continually more alluring as native fish and fruit are taken on board along the way. Papayas put in an early appearance—the juicy melon-like fruit which northerners find so delicious. In Ecuador fresh pineapples come on board—the most drippingly juicy brand in the world. Then the avocado pears begin to appear—in everything from salads to frappes. As the ship proceeds down the coast little boats loaded with corbina, or congrio, the most delicious fish that ever spankled a wave—unload their cargo into refrigerated rooms in the liner's hold. And soon these fish, accompanied by interesting sauces, take their place on the menu. Thus passengers become accquainted on shipboard with some of the excellent food they'll find in the four-course luncheons and eight and ten-course dinner they will eat in South American restaurants on shore.

Edna Mae Stark.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

—by "Movie Spotlight"

Because of the increased average height, one of the larger air companies has left the height limit for its stewardesses an inch, to five feet five inches. The weight limit of 120 pounds remains unchanged.

STUCCO REQUIRES PROMPT REPAIRS

This is of interest only to those home owners whose dwellings are of stucco.

Too rich a mixture, improperly selected materials, or too much rapidity in drying or other reasons may have resulted in a wall less resistent to the elements than the owner may wish. Where this occurs, or where the stucco draws away from window frames or cracks develop because of shrinkage, it is important that repairs be made promptly. Stucco-wall repairs may be made with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

A stucco surface may have any of a variety of finishes, all of which in time become dirty. With water and a scrubbing brush, the owner can improve appearances considerably. If plain water isn't enough, soap should be added. After such a bath, the surface should be thoroughly washed down with a hose.

TATTOOED SNAKES

"Go tattoo a snake," might be a wisecracking admonition, but it is serious business to the field men of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service stationed at the Crecent Lake, Nebrastka refuge . . . the snakes raid wild duck and other migratory waterfowl nests to eat the eggs . . . special traps have been designed to capture the reptiles . . . and after they are caught they are tattooed to determine the range of tehir wanderings . . . to date, more than 700 bull snakes have been captured and tattooed on the refuge.

Is the Wish of
JOHN MASON
at
Cities Service Station.

Standard Employes Enjoy Editor's Annual Dinner

The employes of The Sikeston Standard and their families enjoyed their annual banquet given by the editor and publisher, C. L. Blanton, Sr., and Mrs. Blanton, Saturday evening at the B & N Cafe, a sumptuous repast varying from turkey to demi-tasse. Those present to enjoy the dinner, besides the host and hostess, were: Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lathom, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collie, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Jr., Charles and Allen Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Shell, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. David Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schieter, Miss Vernetta Smith, Miss Mary Ruth Watkins, Ed Edelen, John Lathom, N. C. Watkins, Sr., Bill Gardner, N. C. Watkins, Jr.

The menu, which was specially printed for the occasion, was as follows:

Fruit Cup, Florida
Celery Olives
Roast Native Turkey with Dressing
Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce
Scalloped Oysters
Snowflaked Potatoes Petit Pois
Candied Yams
Head Lettuce, Roquefort Dressing
Fruit Cake with Ice Cream
B. & N. Rolls
Demi Tasse.

GREETINGS

THANKS FOLKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE
DURING 1940
AND WE WANT TO WISH
YOU ALL THE BEST DURING THE
HOLIDAY SEASON

SIMPSON'S 60-61 STATION
Vernon Kelly, Mgr.

In Real Sincerity

One of the real joys of Christmas is the opportunity to lay aside the routine and customs of every day business, and in real sincerity, wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LEO BROWN'S STATION & GROCERY
Highway 61 South

From
A. C. BARRETT
City Clerk

GREETINGS!

With grateful acknowledgement of your courtesies and the evidences of your good will that have made the past year a pleasure to us, we wish you a Christmas of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity.

We pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before and in keeping with this policy, we respectfully solicit your continued friendship and patronage.

Butler's Corner Grocery
"The Right Store in the Right Town"

We Extend to All
THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

May this glorious holiday season usher in a year overflowing with all kinds of joys and pleasant surprises.

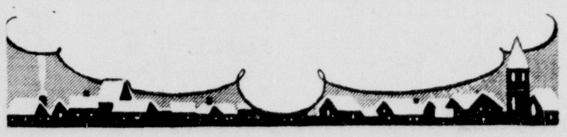
W. E. Derris
DERRIS DRUG STORE
Phone 185 Sikeston

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide by extending to you our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas. And our optimistic predictions of a Prosperous New Year.

We are looking forward to serving you in the year to come

HOMESTEAD HOTEL
Phone 324 Highway 60, East of Shoe Factory



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Our Loyal Customers

May your every wish come true — in this coming year and those following.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Edwards
SHOE SHOP
Chester Edwards, Prop.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

This is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and to express our appreciation for your cooperation which has made possible a very satisfactory year for us.

May the Yuletide bring abundant joy to you and yours and may the New Year bring true health and happiness to each and every one of you.

Kindred's White Way Station
Tanner at Highway 61 Phone 910—Sikeston
Standard Oil Products

Soil-Crop Activity Shown In '40 Extension Summary

No. 2

One hundred township delegates and visitors met in Annual Soils and Crops Conference to discuss practical methods used to increase the fertility of the soil and increase crop yields. Thirty of these men attended the Mid-Summer Tour to see practices discussed actually being carried out. Such practices as producing 192 pounds of beef per acre on vetch and sweet clover in 85 days on the J. J. Reiss farm; cutting soil and moisture loss more than 50 per cent through contour farming on the E. A. Sprenger farm; limestone returning 3.00 or limestone plus phosphate returning 3.80 worth of increased crop yield for each $1.00 invested, in the Sikeston Experiment field tests; sweet clover for pasture and green manure crop on the Roy Johnson and Theon Gro-Jean farms; 4 reforestation and windbreak plantings, using 51,000 trees in Scott County, were among those carried out.

A. A. A. Community Committeemen assisted the educational program on soil conservation, holding 18 meetings where the "Evaluation of the Annual Soil Fertility Change" was discussed showing how change in fertility depended upon crop use as well as the crop; in addition, these men carried out 15 demonstrations of conserving practices being recommended and assisted farmers who asked them in reorganizing their farming systems to get more conservation of the soil.

Through education and making limestone more available, more farmers were sold on the value of lime, using 4,689 tons in 1940 as compared to 1,300 tons in 1939.

TO INCREASE HOME OWNERSHIP

That operating costs may be reduced through use of modern equipment, leaders in the Diebold, New Hamburg, Head, Kelso, Pleasand Hill and Campbell school communities secured a 23 mile extension of the existing R. E. A. System, that 72 more people in Scott County may have electricity.

Believing that living at home is essential to continued home ownership, 4 home owners kept records that they may know results. An average of these records shows that, for a family of five, 95 crop acres returned $2517.35 with expense of $1369.45, leaving a net gain inventory of $1147.90. The average cash expenditures for food for this family was $108.57.

Landowners and tenants cooperate to take care of the tenant and laborer moving problem. Cooperation of this group with the Farm Security Administration has led to development of the group and Scattered Labor Homes Program, the Tenant Purchase Program, and continuation of the Standard Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Recognizing the need for more planning of the farm and home business, farm people desire at least one month devoted to "Planning the Farm and Home Business" in 1941.

Fill the Cooky Jar

Most good cooks appreciate the advantage of keeping a supply of cookies on hand. They fill that "between-meal void" and provide a basis for quick and satisfying desserts. Here are some new ways to concoct these delicious tid-bits —try them as a change from your standard recipes.

ICE BOX COOKIES

Take 1 cupful each of butter brown and granulated sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon each of salt and soda, 1 cup nut meats, 1 teaspoon each of almond and vanilla extract and 4¼ cups of flour. Cream the butter, add the sugar, eggs and other ingredients. Roll into two rolls and let stand on a cloth in a pan placed in the ice box. The cloth keeps the dough from flattening and sticking to the pan thus losing its round shape. Slice very thin, decorate with half a nut meat, a raisin or cherry as one's taste suggests.

SPICE COOKIES

5 whole eggs
1 lb. brown sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups flour

Mix the above together, add enough flour to handle it, roll into small balls or drop from a teaspoon and bake in greased pans in a hot oven, 10 to 15 minutes.

OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup sugar
2 cups oatmeal
1 tsp. soda
2 cups flour
1 cup fat
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs
½ cup milk

Spread over a flat pan. When done cut into squares.

MOLASSES COOKIES

1 cup sweetened condensed milk
½ cup molasses
½ cup seeded raisins
½ cup walnuts
23 graham crackers
¼ tsp. ginger
¼ tsp. allspice
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt

Combine the condensed milk and molasses. Add the graham cracker crumbs, chopped raisins and walnuts and spices and salt. Mix thoroughly. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate over for 15 minutes.

CHOCOLATE COOKIES

2-3 cup dark brown sugar
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
4 tsp. cocoa
⅛ tsp. salt
½ cup sour milk
1 egg
2 1-3 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
4 tbsp. fat, melted

Mix sugars, vanilla, cocoa and salt with the milk and egg. Beat two minutes. Add rest of ingredients, mixing lightly. Drop portions from end of spoon onto greased baking sheets. Bake 12 minutes in moderate oven.

COCONUT DROPS

2-3 cup butter
1½ cups sugar
4 tbsp. cream
2 eggs
½ tsp. lemon extract
1 tsp. vanilla
⅛ tsp. salt
½ cup coconut
3 cups flour
2 tsp. cream of tartar

Cream butter and sugar. Add cream and eggs. Add rest of ingredients, mixing lightly. Drop portions from end of spoon onto greased baking sheets and bake 12 minutes in moderate oven.

WALNUT STRIPS

There are three steps in making these delicious strips. For the crust, cream ¼ cup shortening, ½ cup flour, and when smooth spread in a greased pan measuring about 9 by 5 inches. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in a hot oven.

While the crust is baking make the filling. Beat 1 egg, add ¾ cup brown sugar sifted to prevent lumps, 1 tablespoon flour, ⅛ teaspoon baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup shredded coconut, ½ cup walnuts, chopped, and ½ teaspoon vanilla. When the crust comes from the oven spread the filling evenly on top and return to oven, baking 15 to 20 minutes or longer.

After the filling is cool make a confectioner's frosting as follows: Work 1 tablespoon butter until creamy and add ¾ cup confectioner's sugar, 1 tablespoon warm orange juice, drop by drop, and ½ teaspoon lemon juice. Spread on the cake and sprinkle with ¼ cup walnuts, chopped. Cut in strips 1 inch wide and 2 to 3 inches long.

OLD-FASHIONED SUGAR COOKIES

2¾ cups flour
2¾ tsp. baking powder
½ cup shortening
½ tsp. salt
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1 tsp. vanilla

Sift the flour before measuring. Add the baking powder and salt and sift again. Cream the shortening thoroughly, add the sugar slowly and cream with the shortening. Add the eggs and beat well. Add the vanilla. Add the flour and blend. Chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Roll ⅛ inch thick on a lightly floured board. Cut with a large floured cutter. Sprinkle with sugar. Place on an ungreased baking sheet and bake in a hot oven for 12 minutes. To vary make a sandwich of two cookies and use a filling of jelly or marmalade. Cut three small holes in the top cookie before baking.

BROWNIES

1 cup sugar
¼ cup milk
1 cup nuts
¼ cup butter
2-3 cup floor
2 squares melted chocolate
2 egg yolks, beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch of salt
2 egg whites, beaten stiff

Bake in a shallow pan and cut in squares. Cover with Moca frosting.

MOCA FROSTING

½ cup butter
2 cups powdered sugar
Ceam together
and add
2 tsp. cocoa
2 tbsp. coffee
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream together thoroughly. When the frosting has been applied a half a walnut meat may be placed in the center of each of the squares.

DATE PIE-COOKIES

3½ cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup milk

Sift dry ingredients. Cream butter, and add sugar slowly, then beaten egg ant vanilla. Add flour, bakink powder and salt alternately with milk. Shape mixture into two long rolls about 2 inches in diameter. Chill thoroughly.

FILLING

1 cup sugar
2 tbsp. flour
1 cup boiling water
1 pkg. dates
2 tbsp. lemon juice
½ cup nut meats

Mix flour and sugar and stir in boiling water. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add chopped dates, nuts and lemon juice. Cool. Cut chilled dough in thin pieces. Place a spoonful of filling in the center of each round. Cover with a second round and press edges together firmly. Bake on a well-oiled baking sheet for about 10 minutes.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

—by "Movie Spotlight"

EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

The All American Canal is finished. 70,000,000 cubic yards of dirt and sand have been moved at a cost of 3½ million dollars. Southern California now has an irrigation system all its own.

If you have ever made a trip through the fertile territory which lies just north of the Mexican border, or, if you ever read Harold Bell Wright's "Winning of Barbara Worth" you have some idea of what the above statement to the "Winter Garden" of America. 1,000,000 acres will be affected, 310,000 of which will be reclaimed from the desert.

Never again will this section of the country be visited with a destructive flood of the kind that roarded through here back in 1905. At that time silt and sand reduced the intake capacity of the old canal. While endeavoring to construct a new intake an unprecedented flood destroyed the heading and control of the river was lost. The entire stream poured into the valley wiping out everything in its path. Two years later this break was repaired. With this new canal system this can never happen again.

Prior to now Imperial Valley has had to depend upon an inadequate canal system which, for the most part, was in Old Mexico. This condition was unsatisfactory and also slighted much of an area that will grow most anything if supplied with water.

The new Canal is a marvelous feat of engineering, and runs 210 miles through arid waste and shifting sand. The excavated channel varies from 30 to 100 feet in depth. It is 160 feet wide at its bottom and 330 feet wide at water level, but the broad ditch yawns to twice this width at the tops of its built up banks. These banks rise in three huge steps and at one ten mile cut are plastered with earth from the deeper excavations to prevent their shifting about like the sand-dunes, through the action of the winds.

In its long, winding trek through the broad valley the Canal's water drops but three inches every mile to prevent the damaging errosion of a more rapid fall. The water is dropped abruptly at five points along the canal and at these places Hydro-electric plants are being built whose total output will be 60,000 kilowatts.

The silt in the Colorado River presented one of the greatest engineering problems. It could soon settle and fill the entire Canal unless removed from the water turned into the big ditch. So a desilting works was devised to remove 50,000 tons of this fine sand every day. The silt is returned to the river and is carried on down to the Gulf of California.

This intricate part of the project, together with the huge Imperial Dam is located 20 miles north of Yuma, Arizona. This is the first time the Colorado River has been effectively controlled for the benefit of agriculture and power in this area.

No wonder the bands player when the water was first released.

Trailer Vagabond is furnished The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard through the courtesy of Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

CHRISTMAS

Greetings

Bring the Yule log,
'Deck the hall;
Let Christmas cheer be shared by all.
On with mirth
And fun and folly;
'Tis the season to be jolly.

BACH STUDIO

WISHING YOU A ★ MERRY CHRISTMAS

We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of good cheer for each of you. And may the coming twelve months find you happy and contented in your every undertaking.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your cooperation with us during the past year and we are looking forward to serving you through another year. May Each and All Have a Merry Christmas.

S. E. Missouri Farm Bureau Service

Alva F. Vaughn, Mgr. Sikeston, Mo.

Merry Christmas

and Good Wishes for the New Year

WE'RE MIGHTY PLEASED

..with the splendid patronage we have had during the past year, and trusting that we will merit your continued consideration next year, we wish each of you

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a New Year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity

GARNER MOTOR CO.

(HONKEY)
CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH HEADQUARTERS

Sales Mgr.
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Service Mgr.
Night Phone 245

"A Better Used Car for Less"

Hearty Christmas Greetings

AND

Best Wishes

FOR THE

New Year

ALBRITTON UNDERTAKING CO.

Bess Distributing Company

DISTRIBUTORS OF BUDWEISER AND GRIESEDIECK BEERS

WISH FOR EVERYONE
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thanks folks, for the business given us the past year.

Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

BEAU BRUMMELLS OF YAPI

HERE'S a much dressed up Big Chief—trying to look very fierce as he poses with his aid. They are Indians of the Chaco tribe from the village of Yapi in the Darien jungles of Panama. Few people taking the trip through the Canal—on one of the ships making fortnightly voyages to Chile—stop off in the Canal Zone long enough to see the really astounding sights which the interior provinces on the Isthmus have to offer. On this narrow strip of land are jungles which only a few hardy adventurers ever have explored, and there are native tribes as primitive as those in the heart of Africa.

Yapi, or the Tuira River, the hometown of the above gentlemen, is a cluster of round huts built on "stilts" about fourteen feet above the ground and roofed with palm leaves. The women's costume consists of a long, colored cloth wrapped around the waist—and silver earrings. The men wear red loin cloths and very fancy brow bands and armlets, and, usually, heavy silver earrings. They live very comfortably by hunting, fishing and raising lowland rice or a patch of plantains, or bananas. Once a week they load up huge dugout canoes called *piraguas* with these products and paddle down to El Real de Santa Maria, the capital of Darien Province—a town of the old wild west which is the marketing center not only for the Indians but for the bush negroes in nearby settlements. The best way to visit these villages is under the guidance of Jungle Jim Price, a handsome native son of Georgia who has lived in the jungles of Panama and Central America for a quarter of a century. He knows how to travel comfortably in this region and is a general favorite with the natives.

EDNA MAE STARR.

stuffing can be remarkably helpful in making the turkey or chicken "go" as far as possible.

If, from choice or pocketbook limitations, the traditional holiday roast needs to be small, serve the dressing in stuffed chops, beef or veal birds, or stuffed shoulder. Tomatoes, cabbage leaves, or small squash make fine containers for stuffing, too.

BREAD STUFFING
(For Chicken)

4 cups bread cubes, toasted
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
2 tablespoons melted butter or chicken fat
2 teaspoons salt
1 slightly beaten egg
¼ teaspoon minced onion
1-3 cup boiling water

Mix ingredients together lightly, blending thoroughly. For a dry, crumbly dressing, water may be omitted. For a moist dressing, add 2 teaspoons baking powder to prevent sogginess.

OYSTER STUFFING
(For Turkey)

1 pint oysters
8 cups bread cubes
1 slightly beaten egg
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon celery salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Wash oysters thoroughly. Mix ingredients together, lightly but thoroughly.

ORANGE STUFFING
(For Chicken or Duck)

3 cups dry bread cubes
1 cup diced raw apples
2-3 cup orange juice
½ cup seedless raisins
4 tablespoons melted butter
4 tablespoons sugar
Salt and pepper

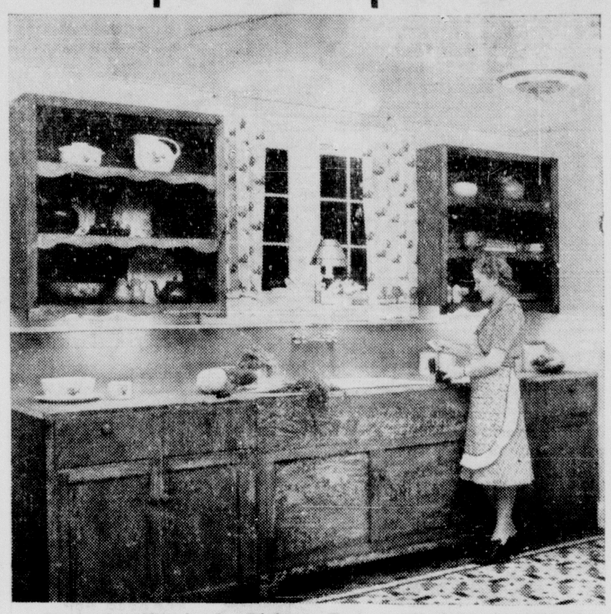
Mix ingredients together, lightly but thoroughly. If moisture is needed, add a little hot water.

PRUNE AND APPLE STUFFING
(For Chicken or Goose)

3 cups bread cubes
1 cup cooked apples (pared, diced and stewed)
½ cup cooked prunes
½ cup chopped nuts
¼ cup melted fat
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Mix ingredients together, lightly but thoroughly.

Kitchen Light-Conditioning Recipe Is Simple As Pie



Shadowless Illumination Lightens Tasks in Woman's Workshop.

By Jean Prentice

AMONG the new subjects some students are taking up in high schools and colleges is home lighting.

A number of home economics and household management classes are now studying the ins and outs of light conditioning. Of particular interest to them is better light in the kitchen.

Among the pointers they are getting are several illustrated in the kitchen shown here.

Every work area has a source of light above it. Over the sink is a wall lamp. The range and a kitchen table, not visible here, also have wall lamps. Beneath the cupboards are hung brackets holding lumiline tubular lamps to light the work space below them.

Formerly a glass shade, open at the bottom, had been used at the ceiling. It did a poor job of spreading lighting through the room without contributing glare.

Now there's a cheerful diffusion of general illumination from a new indirect adaptor fixture and 150-watt silvered-bowl bulb. This fixture was screwed into the ceiling socket, like a bulb, in less time than it takes to tell.

With modern lighting such as this the homemaker is less apt to make mistakes when reading recipes. Vegetables are cleaned more quickly and thoroughly. Food is seasoned more satisfactorily since the eyes can see the salt and pepper more sharply. The room becomes a better place in which to work. It thus fits right in with the needs of the home economics student or of any homemaker . . . just as easy as pie.

Scott Farmers Urge to File AAA Data by Dec. 31

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Cranberry Breakfast Bread is a holiday hot bread all winter long. Pour quick coffee cake batter over 3 tablespoons melted butter, ½ cup sugar, and 1½ cups whole raw cranberries spread in the bottom of an 8-inch pan.

To All Our Friends and Customers We Wish

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MARTIN OIL CO.

Bert Gentry, Mgr.
Clyde Couch
Charlie Krauss
Emory Tetley

Johnston Asks Cooperation of Citizens in Christmas Plans

President Oscar Johnston of the National Cotton Council today issued an appeal to citizens of Sikeston and surrounding territory to cooperate in the 1940 Cotton Christmas program.

"I cannot too strongly emphasize the need for your assistance and active cooperation in this effort to increase the consumption of American cotton products," Mr. Johnston said. "It is only through the cooperation of the individual that this great cotton merchandising project can be a success.

"As you all know, the National Cotton Council of America was founded by the raw cotton industry with the sole aim of increasing the consumption of American cotton, cottonseed and the products thereof.

"When the Council inaugurated the Cotton Christmas program last year, we asked for your cooperation. I am glad to be able to say that the results were so gratifying that this year it was decided that the program would be extended to cover the entire United States.

"But regardless of what may be accomplished this year in other sections of the country, it is the measure of success achieved in the Cotton Belt that will determine the future of Cotton Christmas or any future of Cotton Christmas or any other cotton merchandising program.

"We cotton people must solve our own problems. Beset as we are by surplus, under-consumption foreign competition, substitutes and discriminatory legislation, we must fight our own battles. One way all of us can help is to give preference to cotton gifts this Christmas."

STUFFING NEWS

A bird on the table is worth two on the wing—especially when it has come out of the oven browned to a turn, crackling and fragrant with the inviting promise of tender, well-seasoned stuffing within. Stuffing does its part not only by adding flavor but also by absorbing juices and keeping the fowl moist and shapely during roasting.

Bread for stuffing is best when a day or two old, and broken or cut into small pieces. For a special flavor, toast the cubes lightly. Only enough liquid is necessary to hold the seasoned bread cubes together without packing. Fill the cavity about three-fourths full, taking care not to pack the bird too tightly. Extra stuffing, for those who like stuffing with gravy, may be baked in a separate dish. Extra

To Discuss War's Effect on Prices Soils-Crop Meet

The Seventh Annual Soils and Crops meeting for Scott County farmers will be held January 23 in the Circuit Court Room in Benton announces Carl O. Luper, president of the Committee. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m. and continue to 3:00 p. m.

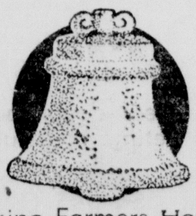
At the program planning meeting the committee decided on the following points of interest. The possible effects of the present European war and our national defense program on the present and future demands for grain and livestock and livestock products; how this demand may be met with a conserving land use program.

In adition says Mr. Luper such subjects as fertilizing cotton, reforesation and windbreak, tree planting, using phosphate, full utilization of sweet clover, and increased liming program, will receive thorough consideration.

Trnold Klemme, Soils Specialist of the University of Missouri. College of Agriculture will assist with the discussion.

Badger Feast

One of the strangest surviving Christmas customs is the badger feast held at Ilchester, Somerset. It was started by poachers in Norman times, says the Montreal Herald, and has continued without a break. The lads of the village catch a badger, kill and dress it some time before the feast. On Christmas eve it is strung on a spit over a huge fire at the inn and cooked slowly.



GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

Making Farmers Happy is our job, and we do it by providing them with the Best Farm Machinery obtainable — McCormick-Deering. To users of these good Farm Implements and to all others we extend the Season's Greetings and wish for all Life's Richest Blessings during the coming year.

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Highway 60 East—Sikeston

To All of You is the Wish of

J. A. McCAMPBELL
Plumbing

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Christmas bring Joy, and Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be one filled with Health and Prosperity . . .

Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

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Phone 903
Highway 61 North—Sikeston

PUBLIC SALE

Monday, Dec. 30, 1940

One mile North, five miles West of Sikeston and one mile East of Salcedo.

3 smooth mouth Mules about 15½ hands.
1 Yellow Jersey Milk Cow, fresh in Jan.
1 Black Jersey Milk Cow, fresh in March.
1 Black Milk Cow, young, heavy milker.
1 Yearling Heifer.
9 Listed Shoats, about 140 lbs.
6 Mixed Shoats.

2 Farm Wagons.
1 Mowing Machine.
1 Hay Rake.
1 Wheat Drill.
1 Oliver 3-H Breaking Plow.
1 Two-H. Breaking Plow.
1 Section Harrow.
3 Cultivators.
1 Two-Row Corn Planter.
1 One-horse Cotton Planter.
1 Double Shovel.

Alfalfa Hay, Soy Bean Hay, Hay Rope with fork and numerous small implements together with household goods.

TERMS CASH—Nothing removed until settled for.
10 o'clock Rain or Shine.

MARY COLLINS
R. A. McCord and Son, Auctioneer
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LAIR STORE NEWS

"That Interesting Store"
Sikeston, Missouri

HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Our 43rd Year in Southeast Missouri

Former Entertainer—Here Again

Back yonder some twenty years ago this firm operated an exclusive Music Store on Malone Avenue next door to where the Herald is now located. One outstanding product at that time was the Gulbransen Piano—also player pianos by the same Company.

When radios came in—pianos faded out of the domestic picture and following that trend many old time high grade piano factories were forced out of business. A very few of the stronger companies remained in the game—Gulbransen being one of them. New model Console or Spinet Style Pianos in all their beauty and attractiveness are now coming strong again—and to satisfy the demand from lovers of piano music and encourage talented youngsters to learn playing, we have again taken the distribution of Gulbransens. A charming Console sample of English Regency Type is now in our front window. Judges of good pianos are asked to examine it. Plenty of time to pay and plenty of time to deliver before Christmas. See the Gulbransen Window.

Goodbye '40—Hello '41

1940 has been a year which most retailers will not grieve about in saying goodbye. It has been filled with nervous jitters—confusion of thought and uncertainty in business planning—with but few merchants who were willing to say condidently—they knew "where they were at". And yet—withal—it has been an excellent business year for those who put on their fighting clothes and worked hard for business rather than spending time worrying over world affairs. Results of our firm's labors have been all that we deserved—and more—hence results justify an optomistic mood. We're ready for the 1941 fray—and willing to give and take without groaning that which may decreed by Heads of our Government—after fair discussion. Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to friends of S. E. Missouri who have supported us abundantly. .No list of New Years resolutions will be broadcast. The simple formula of hard work, careful planning—and decent treatment to every patron—black or white—rich or poor—constitutes our pledge to the public. Mistakes will be made—but none that we will not rectify. Of course it is our purpose to run a more efficient store than ever before but patrons will judge that matter from month to month. At any rate we love our business and work at it religiously. If you endorse that type of merchandising—say it with orders.

DILLON Theatre
MOREHOUSE, MO.

LAST SHOWING
MONDAY, DEC. 23—
"Third Finger, Left Hand"
With Myrna Loy and Melvin Douglas.
News and Shorts
Matinee and Evening.
Box Office Open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 28c

TUESDAY, DEC. 24—
"Sky Murder"
With Walter Pidgeon and Donald Meek.
SHORTS
Box Office Open 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.
Admission 10c and 16c

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25—
'Seven Sinners'
With Marlene Dieterick, John Wayne, Roderick Crawford.
Comedy.
Matinee and Evening.
Admission 10c and 28c

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 26-27—
"Melody and Moonlight"
With Johnny Downs Vera Vague, Jerry Calonna
Comedy.
Admission 10c and 28c

SATURDAY, DEC. 28—
"Law and Order"
With Johnny Mac Brown and Fuzzy Knight.
SERIAL
CARTOON
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 20c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29-30—
"Dr. Kildare Goes Home"
With Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayers.
NEWS and SHORTS
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 28c

★ ★ BAZAAR PREVIEW ★ ★

Evidence of the automobile man's versatility: this white evening dress of Crown Tested rayon jersey, with a striped jerkin, was designed by Oliver Clark of the Chrysler Corp. and Inspiration for the dress comes from the grillwork on the De Soto Town Sedan, seen behind the model.

PLEASURE OF OPEN FIRE MARRED BY SMOKING

To avoid the annoyance of a smoky, smoldering blaze lay the logs in the fireplace in such a way that air can circulate between them.

Put the largest log in the back and roll it forward when it is burning brightly, replacing it with another. Pile smaller logs in front, with small stocks sandwiched between. If logs are perfectly smooth and straight, hold them apart with small pieces of wood. Ignite the wood by placing a wad of excelsior or a lightly wadded piece of newspaper where the flames will pass up through the piled wood. Always try to use dry well-seasoned wood.

The average increase in the sale of electric light bulbs in the United States is 10 per cent a year.

MANUFACTURER WILL GIVE COTTON GIFTS

Chester, S. C.—A Chester fertilizer manufacturer will celebrate Cotton Christmas this year by distributing cotton gifts to his customers.

The Company advised the National Cotton Council that this Christmas it will use cotton bath towels as its annual gift feature. Last Christmas cotton kitchen towels bearing the slogan "Use More Cotton Goods" were distributed.

Officials of the fertilizer firm said that cotton gifts created more interest and were more appropriate for distribution among cotton farmers than any other type of novelty. An effort is being made by the company this year to have all Southern fertilizer manufacturers adopt the plan for 1941.

There were 761,567 visitors to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park of Tennessee-North Carolina during 1939.

Many Good Wishes

Serving you has made this year one of the happiest of our experience in this community and it is for this reason that we extend the Season's Greetings May this Christmas be the most delightful you've ever had and may GOOD FORTUNE be with you in many ways during the coming year.

Eubanks Lumber Company

● Thanks to Uncle Sam and to Santa Claus on this Christmas 1940. To Uncle for the Peace that is sustained in the strength and inherent rightness of his philosophy. To Santa Claus for the Plenty he is bestowing upon us all in a world of want.

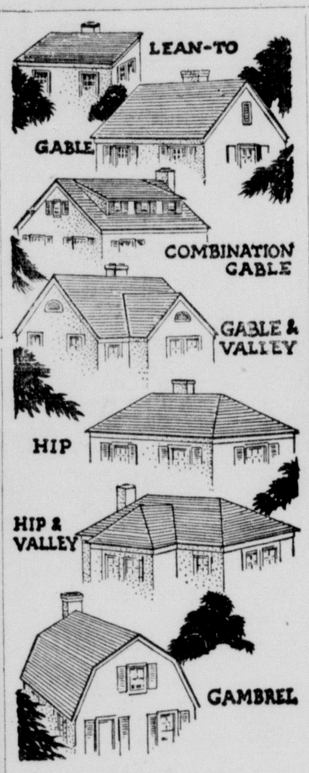
● Thanks a million to our friends and patrons to whom we have tried to be as valuable as they have been to us and to whom, at this benign season, we extend our sincerest best wishes for a Happy American Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Welter Bake Shop
Your Home Baker

Better Homes Living

A good roof is just as important decoratively as any other part of the house and, from the view of year-to-year maintenance, of prime importance.

Discusisng roof design, officials of the Fderal Housing Administration have pointed out the necessity for making careful selection, since roofs are not changed once they are built.



The simplest type of roof in common use for American frame houses is what is known as the "lean-to." It is the roof seen over porches and often at the back of buildings where an addition has been made.

A "gable" roof consists of two planes or slopes which meet at a ridge, leaving gable ends. It is adaptable to practically any type of architecture. One of the best known of all roof styles, the "hip" roof, has clean restful lines and can be covered with almost any type of roofing material.

The "gambrel" roof is a variation of the gable roof with each side consisting of two slopes, steep at the bottom and gentle toward the ridge. The gambrel roof has been called "a bent-out adaptation" of the gable roof, but it has an equally pleasing effect, and in addition gives extra head room upstairs.

HOME OWNERS FORUM

By ABNER GORDON

Although window screen wire mesh is seldom painted, when decoration is desirable a very thin coating composed of 2 parts (by volume) soft paste while lead and 3 parts of an equal mixture of boiled linseed oil, spar varnish and turpentine—either used white or tinted as desired with paste colors-in-oil—will provide the most variable, durable finish.

Brush and cross brush the paint on evenly from both sides of the screen, after which tap the frame lightly to clear the wires of excess paint which otherwise might remain to clog the pores.

When the mesh is sufficiently dry for handling, paint the frame with pure white lead and oil according to the standard practice for exterior wood.

Q.—Can shingle overwalling be applied to brick as well as wood siding?

A.—For restyling plus added insulation or when brick walls are causing trouble due to leakage and moisture absorption, overwall shingles are the economical solution.

First fasten vertical siding strips to the window frames and walls with nails—specially fashioned for the purpose—driven into the mortar lines between the bricks.

To these verticals, attach horizontal strips as a shingle nailing base. The latter should be installed with a center-to-center spacing equal to the proposed surface of the shingles.

Overwalling on all types in wood siding is comparatively simple, as the shingles may be applied directly, as to new sheathing. Here binding paper is required, installed as is the common practice on new construction.

Durable certified red cedar shingles—single or double coursed—are highly recommended to produce new style lines for modernizing old buildings.

FISH

Passage of the Buck Bill extending Federal aid to the States in fishery restoration project is seen at the next session of Congress by Carl D. Shoemaker, Secretary of the Special Committee of the Conservation of Wildlife Resources.

"By ear-marking the excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition," says Shoemaker, "there has in the last two years been applied about $6,500,000 in wildlife restoration projects other than fish in the States through aid provided in the Pittman-Robertson Act.

"There are more anglers than there are hunters in the United States and the task of supplying the increasing number of fishermen with fish to catch is perhaps the most difficult with which State Wildlife Administrators have to cope. Impure waters, the lowering of the water levels of lakes and streams, the drouth and the wasting away of our forest areas along with other factors has made a steady decline in the numbers of fish to be found in our waters."

Shoemaker pointed out that if the Buck Bill were passed it would immediately provide for needed research stream and other water studies which would result in a more comprehensive and long-range fish restoration program.

The Bill will again be reintroduced in Congress next January and somewhat modified to meet the more serious objections made against the present Bill by its opponents.

Suggestions have been made to fishing tackle manufacturers, sportsmen's associations both local and national, State wildlife administrators and others interested for a round-table conference to discuss and, if possible, agree upon the form of the new Bill before its introduction.

The purpose of the new Bill is to ear-mark a proposed excise tax of 10 per cent on fishing tackle which will be paid by the manufacturer and set aside in the Treasury for distribution to the State to aid them in carrying out a comprehensive fish restoration program.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

GREETINGS TO YOU From The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard

The entire staff of YOUR newspaper joins in wishing you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . and we want to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your patronage and cooperation during the past year.

JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS

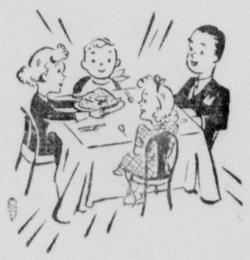
The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard

Greetings

We desire to extend to you Greetings of the Christmas Season and to express our sincere wishes for your prosperity in the coming year. May the cordial relations existing between us continue.

LYNN ANCELL
Assessor

CLEAN! for CHRISTMAS



Sparkling white napery, clean starched curtains, and clean clothes will make your Christmas even more pleasant . . . especially when we do the work for such low prices.

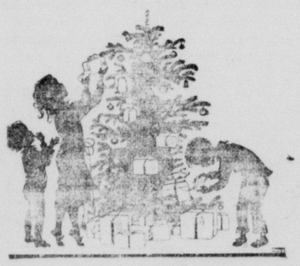
Christmas comes again with its Hope and Promises of Good Will.

In the spirit of this Glad Season we extend to all our wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

And we thank you sincerely for the pleasure we have had in serving you during the year now growing old.

SIKESTON LAUNDRY



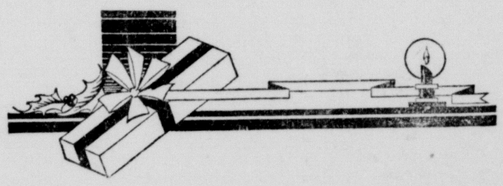
Around the Christmas Tree

As you and your loved ones gather 'round your gayly-decorated tree on Christmas morn, we want you to know that our thoughts are with you. It is our way of showing you our appreciation for your generous patronage during the past.

NuWay Cleaning Co.

THE SEASON'S CHEER TO EVERYBODY

To our many friends and customers—the Season's best wishes for joy and happiness. By your thoughtfulness you have helped to make our Christmas a merry one and we wish the same for you.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

May they both mean much of good for our big family of patrons. Accept our thanks for 1940 favors and remember we want you for our friend and patron during 1941.

DEL REY HOTEL
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Mocabee
Mr. and Mrs. Sharron Pharris

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How the Idea Started

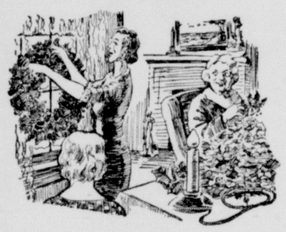
Christmas Candles

Christmas tree candles date back to the very earliest times in the Christian era. The Yule candle, of goodly size, lighted early Nativity celebrations. The lighting of candles is indeed a universl religious and national custom. Candle lighting featured the Norse mid-winter festival of the turning of the sun. The Jewish Feast of Chanuckah or Lights is also celebrated similarly at the same season.

Christmas Gifts

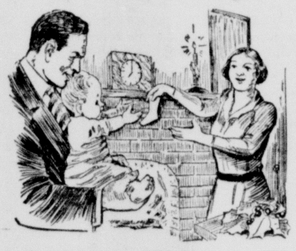
Romans exchanged gifts during gay celebrations. But giving of presents of course goes back much earlier. The Romans, however, gave it clearer identity as a part of their festival program. Christmas boxes and cards of today have a link to the ancient Roman festivities. In France, gifts are distributed to children New Year's eve instead of Christmas. In England, Germany, Italy, and most everywhere else, the custom is like in the United States. Santa comes a-visiting at Christmas.

Christmas Wreaths



In ancient times the Teutons regarded holly as a symbol of good luck. The custom was widespread of hanging evergreens in the interior of dwellings. Later the legend was widely circulated that all growing things blossomed and bore fruit the night of the Nativity. Holly came also to symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Christ. The Puritans, however, regarded holly and mistletoe decorations as pagan in nature, and they therefore were outlawed.

Christmas Stockings



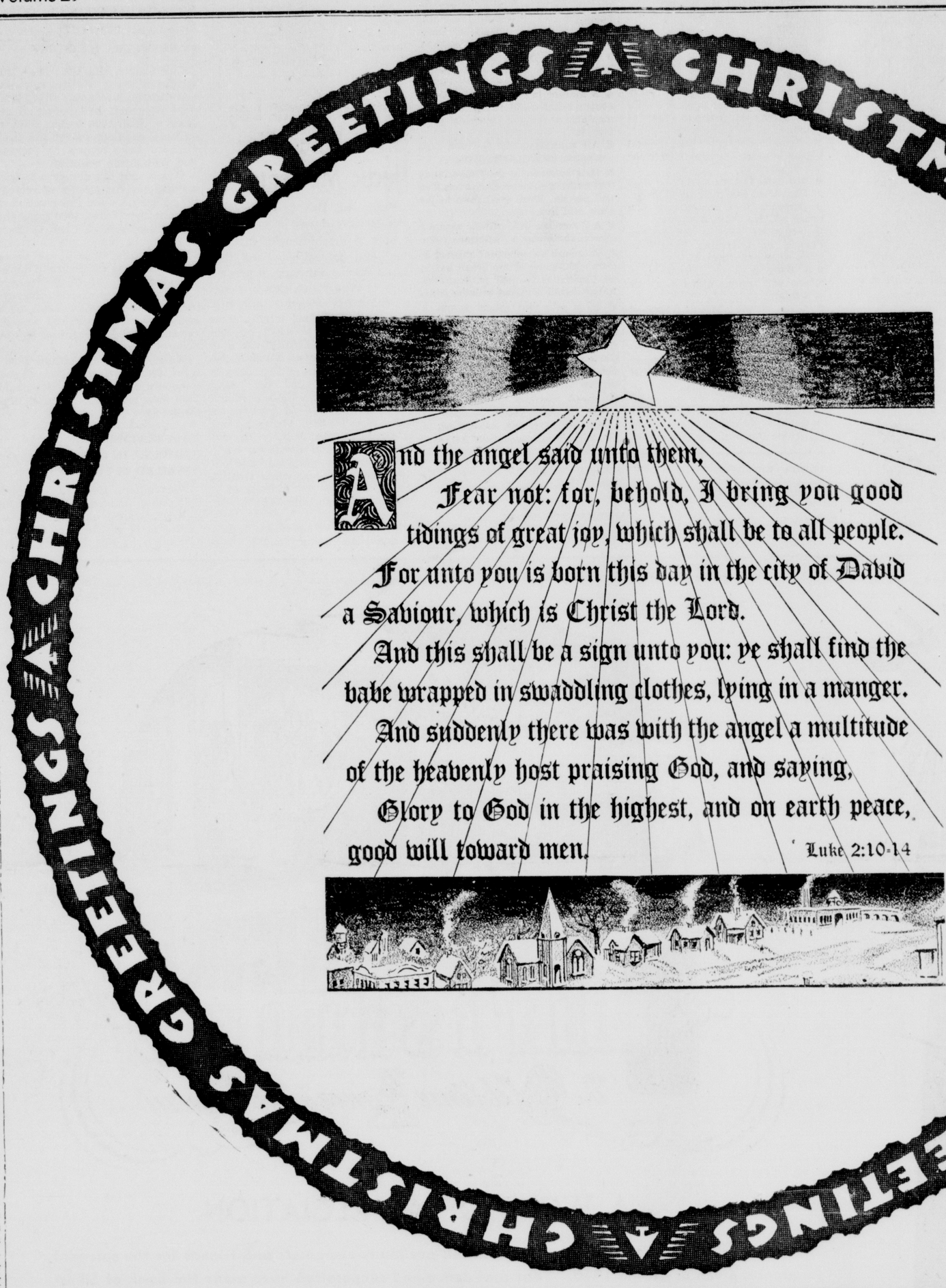
St. Nicholas rides Woden's horse on Christmas eve in Holland. There the children put up their wooden shoes in the chimney corners as a stop signal for the merry fellow. Children of France followed the custom by placing their shoes for Bonhomme Noel by the hearth. In England and the United States, boys and girls improved on the idea by hanging up stockings. These can hold more gifts.

Christmas Hymns

The Puritans predicted the disappearance of Christmas carols and did what they could to discourage the custom of singing them. But it has grown more and more a part of the Christmas tradition which began in early Christian days in Rome. The French Noel, dating to the Eleventh century, and the German Weihnachtslieder, have the same origin.

National Christmas Tree Scene of Annual Service

The United States has a national Christmas tree! It is not a spruce, fir or hemlock, but a giant Sequoia which stands more than 267 feet high. The tree is located in General Grant National park, 64 miles east of Fresno, Calif. Devotional and patriotic services held beneath the tree each year since it was selected in 1925 are broadcast over a nationwide network.



And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:10-14

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Lime, Fertilizer Together Produce Better Results

There is an old adage that "Lime and lime alone makes the father rich but the son poor, while lime and manure makes both the father and the son rich."

5105 tons of lime have been used in New Madrid County in 1940. Even a larger tonnage will likely be used in 1941. How to use this lime so as to produce best results in an abundance of high quality feed for livestock and organic matter or manure for the soil will be discussed.' The purity and fineness of lime to use, the place and time of application for best results the first year will also be explained at the 1941 Soils and Crops Conference to be held at New Madrid on January 9, says Paul H. Teal, County Agent. Mr. Teal states that there will also be a discussion on the kind, rate of application of commercial fertilizer to specific crops, and also the crops where best returns from its use are usually secured. An illustration will also be given on a typical New Madrid County farm of making an inventory of annual soil productivity changes due to cropping and erosion.

Gets 10 Years For Being A Red In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 19.—District Judge Ben Arnold sentenced Alan Shaw, 22-year-old Communist convicted of criminal syndicalism, to 10 years in prison today and fined him $5000.

Standing before the bench, Shaw declared in a low voice:

"Over the entrance to this courthouse there is an inscription with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson, 'Equal and exact justice to all men, regardless of state or persuasion, religious or political.'

"That inscription and those words have been disregarded in my case. It has been a mockery from the very beginning."

The Judge permitted Shaw to remain at liberty on his present bond of $75000, pending outcome of an appeal.

Shaw was convicted of violating the Criminal Syndicalism Law by being a member of the Communist Party, which the State contended "advocated overthrow of the Government by force."

No overt act was alleged nor was Shaw accused of any specific act of violence.

Taxes Will Increase, Pat Harrison Warns

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 19.—Prior to leaving here Thursday for Hattiesburg to attend the funeral of R. W. Dunn, lifelong friend of the Harrison family, Senator Pat Harrison made an address to the Gulfport Kiwanis Club in which he pronounced the international situation "grave" but asserted that it had improved within the past six months.

Touching on the war in Europe as well as the relationship between the United States and South and Central America countries, Senator Harrison declared that the program of national defense was progressing more rapidly than the general public realized.

Predicting an unusual increase in taxes in the immediate future, the senator, who is chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, assured his hearers that there would be "plenty of taxes" before the national defense program was paid for.

U. S. Building Projects in Missouri Halted

Washington, December 19.—The Public Building Administration said today construction of new Post Offices and Courthouses in Missouri would be deferred indefinitely as a result of an order of President Roosevelt and the Budget Bureau.

Officials said the Budget Bureau and the President had directed construction of projects on the public building program be deferred except where bids had been asked or received because of defense program needs.

Funds had been allocated from congressional appropriations for four federal buildings in Missouri. All of these projects have been put on the deferred list, officials said.

Projects halted were Cape Girardeau Post Office, Court House and site, $430,000; Marshfield Post Office, $73,000; Moberly Post Office, $170,000, and Richmond Heights Post Office, $118,000.

AAA Pays Madrid Farmers Nearly a Million Dollars

New Madrid County farmers participating in the 1940 AAA program have received $914,484 according to Glen Rhodes, Chief Clerk. More than $300,000 is still to be received and dispersed, making the total payments for 1940 approximate $1,236,000.

The payments made thus far have been as follows:

Corn parity payments	$67,841.88
Wheat parity payments	16,264.08
Cotton parity payments	494,640.78
Conservation payments	335,738.16
Total to date	$914,484.90

The family automobile will celebrate a Cotton Christmas this year. New all-cotton seat covers will extend the life of your upholstery as well as make the interior of the car more attractive in appearance.

Santa Comes to Pierre

By Jules Bevan

OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and cam to New York.

"Mama!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mamma, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal

Pleez, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrul!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused.

"Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant repled. "Come boys"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumbfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam.

"Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears.

"Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course—Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind gran'pere . . ."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

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Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

LUCKY LADY

THIS looks as if Croesus had said it with flowers! As a matter of fact these orchids cost less than we'd pay here in the United States for a very ordinary variety of rose. They were bought in Caracas by travelers visiting Venezuela on one of the 12-day cruises from New York. Orchids grow wild in the jungles and forests of Venezuela and Colombia — springing from lichen-covered trees and moss-grown rocks. They are called *parasitos* by the natives. They are not, however, parasites—they use their host only for support, not for nourishment, for they manufacture their food from the moisture-laden air and from sunlight. Among the more sought-after plants are the Christmas orchid and the perfumed orchid in Colombia, and the rare Easter orchid of Venezuela. In all there are some seventy-five hundred different known species of orchid ranging from the exotically beautiful blossoms of the rare plant which is worth several thousand dollars, to the very ordinary looking variety from which vanilla is manufactured.

Less than half a century ago orchid growing regions of Colombia and Venezuela caused about as much of a stampede as California did in the gold rush days. The orchid hunters maintained the utmost secrecy regarding their hunches and their finds—using maps with secret markings, going through elaborate maneuvers to cover up their trail—and talking not at all. Today—with orchids under cultivation here in the United States—the hunting fever has died down. Yet growers still need to import fresh plants from the jungles with which to invigorate their stock, and they are always on the lookout for new species. So orchid hunters still go adventuring — journeying far into unexplored regions in search of their gorgeous prey. They endure heat and hunger and fatigue, run the gamut of jungle insects and animals, expose themselves to malaria and jungle fevers — even to death itself—in order that some beautiful woman may wear the most beautiful of all this royal family of flowers.

EDNA MAE STARK.

BERTRAND NEWS

Joe Fenimore was a visitor last week.

Harold Hill, railway mail clerk, St. Louis to Little Rock, was in town Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brodhacker, East Prairie, were Sunday dinner guests of their cousins, Misses Nancy and Maude, Will Marsh.

Imogene Cox, Morehouse, spent their week end with Marian Elliott.

Mrs. Ruby Finley, Chicago, visiting her mother at Charleston, was the Friday night guest of Mrs. John Brashears.

Jewel McClain, Lucille Bethune are employed at the Charleston Store since Saturday noon, Dec. 7 for the holidays.

Ill were Martha Ann Russell, Jerry Cunningham, LaVern Hurley, Lois Thomas, colds; Ruth Hurley, light pneumonia; Mary Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collier were oyster supper guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier, Sikeston.

Norma Cunningham was the Tuesday night guest of Mrs. H. C. Bennett, Charleston.

Joella Patrick and Anita Beabout were in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Methodist Young People's and Senior's class is to have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Eugene Bethune Monday, Dec. 23.

Cloude Cunningham, Dupont powder plant guard, Memphis, was at home for the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Williams, the latter his sister, Matthews, were up to see him.

Lucy Nelsno, Benton, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Rus Hurley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee, Charleston, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Groves, Buddy, have returned from a Tennessee visit.

Mrs. George Nelson, Benton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rus Hurley.

Colleen and Jerry Cunningham, Gerlene Elliott were party guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Binford, Sikeston.

Mrs. Ollie Albright, Mrs. Raymond Albright, Mary Jo, route, hsopped and visited in Sikeston Thursday afternoon.

ARMER CLUB PARTY

The ladies of the Armer Home Demonstration Club were entertained with a lovely Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. E. Stauffer Friday, Dec. 13. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and a cheerful blaze glowed in the fireplace.

Four ladies read a playlet "The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, after which everybody joined in singing carols.

Names were drawn for 'Sunshine Friends' for the next 4 months. Each lady brought a present for the surprise bag. These were numbered and each one drew a number—receiving a present. The hostess served fruit jello with whipped cream, nut cake, chocolate, Christmas candy, and salted pecans.

Eighteen members were present to enjoy Mrs. Stauffer's hospitality. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harry Bailey on Friday, January 10.

Mrs. Charley Rushing was in Diehlstadt Thursday afternoon to see her father, C. Jackson, who returned home Thursday from Barnes hospital, St. Louis, after about a month's treatment and two operations. He is recuperating at home.

Mrs. Earl Cook has returned to Sikeston from Mt. Vernon hospital where she is unable to get further treatment.

Mrs. Bert Rusesll was ill of tonsillitis early in the week.

Judy Voelker began holiday work at the Charleston Store Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bertrand School is to present a Christmas operetta Thursday night, Dec. 19.

Ira and George Fenimore were in Charleston early Saturday afternoon.

H. L. McKinley, near Sikeston, has bought the old school lot and began building a house on it last week. Mr. McKinley and his family are formerly of Bertrand and he has two married sons, Bill and Claborn, one married daughter, Mrs. Harvey Jobe, living in town now.

Superstitions About Christmas

SIGNIFICANT meanings surround Christmas, according to superstitions believed in various parts of the world.

¶ In Holstein, Mistletoe is not only supposed to be a cure for all green wounds, but will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler.

¶ Early Norsemen believed for centuries that the Mistletoe would give protection against both bodily ailments and evil spirits.

¶ A person who is born on Christmas will have power to see and command spirits, according to a Scottish belief.

¶ French peasants believe that babies born on Christmas have the gift of phophecy.

¶ If a baby is born at sermon time on Christmas Eve in Middle Europe, it portends that someone in the house will die within the year.

¶ Daughters born in the Vosges, France, on December 25 will be wise, witty and virtuous.

¶ A baby born on Christmas in Silesia will become either a lawyer or a thief.

¶ Girls in the ancient Duchy of Swavia seldom missed the opportunity offered by Christmas to look into the future at their future husbands. On Christmas Eve they would go to the woodpile to draw sticks. If a girl pulled a thick stick, her husband would be stout; if a long stick, he would be tall; if a crooked stick, he would be deformed. They would determine the business of their future husbands by dropping melted lead into a pan of cold water. The molten metal would form various shapes in cooling, and thus resemble the insignia of his occupation: hammer shape, a carpenter; shoe shape, a cobbler. Every piece of lead resembled some occupation to the old wives.

¶ A maiden in Switzerland who accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas also accepts the man who proffers it.

¶ All animals in the German Alps can speak on Christmas Eve.

¶ It is believed in the Netherlands that nothing sown on Christmas Eve will perish. Even seed sown in the snow will live.

¶ A Bohemian wife will die within a year if she burns a Christmas cake.

¶ To insure an abundant harvest in Denmark, some of the bread baked on Christmas is kept until sowing time, when it is mixed with the seed.

¶ It is said that bread baked on Christmas in England never becomes moldy.

¶ Ashes must not be thrown out on Christmas day in some sections of Europe, for fear they might be thrown into the Savior's face.

¶ Some families in Scandinavia place all their shoes together on Christmas. This will cause them to live in harmony throughout the year.

Stormes novelty company is now rapidly completing its new 1-room office building across from the factory.

The new Church of God building is being completed, having been blue roofed.

METHODIST NEWS

The Methodist Christmas program is to be at the church Sunday night, Dec. 22.

The adult choir is to practice Saturday night at Anita Beabout's home and Sunday morning following Sunday school.

The W. S. C. S. met Wednesday at Mrs. John Gaty's home. Future meeting is postponed till after holidays.

The Christmas decorations committee announced Sunday by Supt. John Gaty is: C. Pepters, Jinny Russell, Murray Cobb, Judy Voelker, Jane Lett, Charles Elliott.

Rats in Pants Leg Gives Auto Driver Hectic Moments

Paris, Mo., Dec. 19.—Roy Griffith, farmers of west of here, found a hole in the bottom of his car floor and noticed now and then that a rat came through it into the body of the car. Griffith had considerable fun with his wife suggesting that the rat might come through the hole while the car was running and Mrs. Griffith was in it. Last week, however, Griffith, his wife and son were on their way to Paris when the rat did come through from its unknown hiding place, but instead of turning toward Mrs. Griffith, it ran up one of Griffith's pant legs, on up under his shirt and across his back, then down the other side and out the other pant leg, while Griffith vainly tried to rid himself of it and at the same time keep his car in the road.

No accident occurred, but neither could the rat be found when Griffith searched after finally stoping the car. The hole has been repaired.

Rats on Monroe County farms this year are more numerous than ever before. On the Sidney McIlhaney farm near Santa Fe recently, a rat hunt resulted in 168 being killed in one day.

$2,679,000 OFFERED FOR LAKE PROJECT IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 19.—Congressman Kent Keller disclosed last night in a telegram that President Roosevelt had approved release of $2,679,000 to the WPA to advance development of the Crab Orchard Lake project in Jackson and Williamson counties.

It was said the money was earmarked for completion of recreational facilities and construction of two auxiliary lakes, 1000 acres and 600 acres, south of Crab Orchard Lake.

The auxiliary lakes are to be used as storage reservoirs to maintain the level of Crab Orchard Lake during dry seasons. Surveys for the new lakes have been made and much of the required acreage already has been acquired by the Federal Government.

When notified of the new allotment, Charles E. Hamilton, superintendent of the lake project, said 2500 men would got to work immediately.

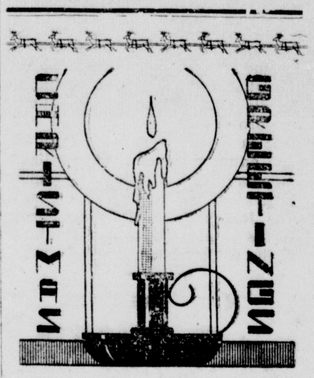
'MISTREATMENT OF GERMANS' IN U. S. ASSAILED IN CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 19.—A plea that public opinion halt what he called "cowardly and brutal" mistreatment of residents of German extraction in this country was voiced in the House today by Congressman Sumner (Dem.), Texas. Sumners said he know of recent instances of such mistreatment.

"They are just as loyal as you are," he told House members. "Public opinion ought to put its faith definitely against this."

House members applauded vigorously.

Circuses originated in the days of ancient Rome.



Here's Wishing
All
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPINESS DURING
THE COMING YEAR

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Police Judge

Christmas
in the Old-time American Spirit

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

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Our officers and employees join in extending to all of you and yours sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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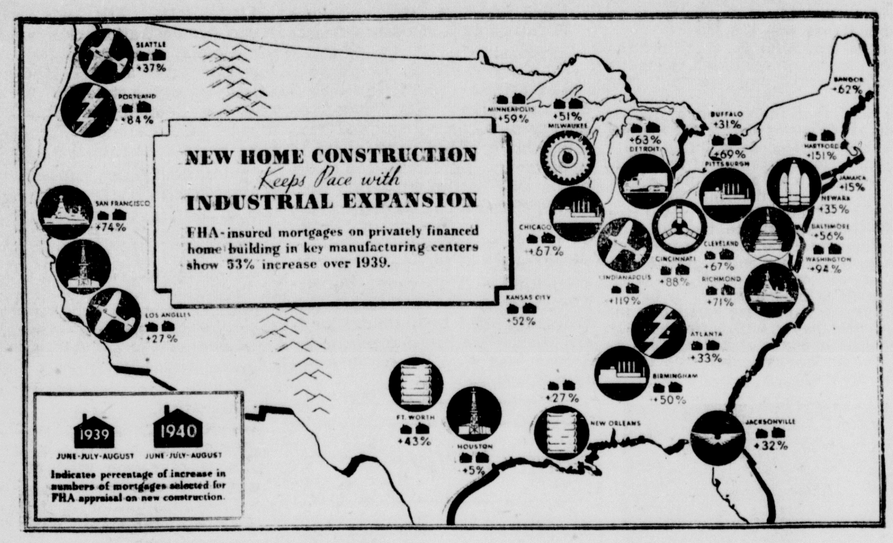
Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 1940

May Santa land right at your doorstep, with everything you've wished for (and a few surprises) and may he not forget to remember what we told him when he left

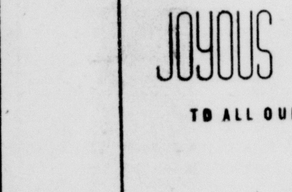
THE VOGUE SHOP

about wishing you a Merry Christmas!

FHA Gains Parallel Plant Expansion



Pigeons tend two nests at the same time. They begin setting on another set of eggs when one family is only two days old.



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YOUR FAMILY,
YOUR FRIENDS,
OUR FRIENDS!

A Merry Christmas To All

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Closed All Day Christmas

Real Estate Transfers

NEW MADRID COUNTY, Grover Meatte, Recorder.

Fisher Bros. Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Burge, Los Angeles, Calif., Lot 1 and E½ Lots 2-3, N W, 1-22-10, 135.69 acres; W½, Lots 2-3, NE, south of railroad, 1-22-10, 41.35 acres; SE, 1-22-10, 136.05 acres; W½, 6-22-11, 381.21 acres; W-SE, south of railroad, 31-23-11, 41.65 acres; part of SE-SW south of railroad, 31-23-11, ten acres; all of 31-24-13, 640 acres; W½, Lots 2-3, NE, north of railroad, 1-22-10, 22.46 acres; W-NW, Lot 2, 31-23-11, 87.26 acres; W-SW, Lot 2, 31-23-11, 86.12 acres; east part of Lot 1, NW, 1-22-10(40.40 acres; east part of Lot 3, NW, north of railroad, 1-2-10, 44 acres; SE, 36-23-10, 164.6 acres, $1.

Fisher Bros. Co. to Ethel B. Hetchcock, Los Angeles, Calif., same as above, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns of Blytheville, Ark., to Virginia K. Klemme, St. Louis, all SE and S-NE, 22-24-13, lying east of Otter Slough Ditch, $1.

Himmelberger - Harrison Lumber Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Elam, all SE, 17-22-11, lying east of center line of Ditch 5, Drainage Dist. 28, 80.32 acres, $100.

Himmelberger - Harrison Lumber Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beis, all of SW-SE, 23-21-11, south of right-of-way of Ditch 57 and east of Ditch 256, Little River Drainage District, 20.12 acres; S-NE, 26-21-11, 39.83 acres; all of W-NE, except the right-of-way of Ditch 256 across the extreme northwest corner, 26-21-11, 81.33 acres; all of W-SE, 26-21-11, lying north of public highway known as Plank Road, or Pole Road, except right-of-way to Ditch 258, Little River Drainage District, 47.1 acres, $100.

Himmelberger - Harrison Lumber Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene May, all of N-SW, 28-21-11, lying east of the center line of Ditch 5 in Drainage Dist. 28, 78.79 acres; all of NW-SE, 28-21-11, lying west of the center line of Ditch 9, Dist. 28, 12.17 acres, $100.

Southern Supply and Storage Co. to A. T. Pikey, all Lots 1-6, Block 23, Barnes First Add., Marston, $200.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bierschcwal to J. D. Akins, 100 acres off the east side, SE, 25-22-13, $1.

Prudential Insurance Co. of America to T. L. Streeter and K. M. Streeter, Catron, E, Sec. 5, and east ten acres of W, Sec. 5, all in 23-13, evcept 3.48 acres to drainage ditch, 335 acres, $23,800.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Prichard to Alberta Townsend, all of La Grange, Ill., E-NE, 28-23-11, $1.

Rozier, Inc., of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, soouth two acres, SE-NE, 15-25-14; all N-SE, except two acres in cemetery; all S-SE except 4.09 acres in the southwest corner, 15-25-14, totaling 200 acres, $4500.

General American Life Insurance Co. to A. E. Allgier, Jr., NW, Sec. 24, and NE, Sec. 25, lying west of the right-of-way of the Friseo Railroad, in 22-11, 163.32 acres, $12,750.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. King to Cora Leslie Fuller, SE-SE, 24-21-12, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch, Cape Girardeau, to James Hampton and Lena Hart Hampton, Lot 4, Range G, Latham's Add., New Madrid, $1.

Lee Hunter, St. Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Mattie E. Allen, E½, Lot 1, NW, and all E½, Lot 2, NW, 4-22-12, 90.72 acres, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Davis to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Allen, Sikeston, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Davis, all NW lying east ofo Ash Slough Ditch, SW-NE; also, NW-SE, 1-24-13, totaling 164 acres; also, all N-SW lying east of Ash Slough Ditch, 1-24-13, 41 acres, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips, Sikeston, to James Miller, trustee for Robinson Chapel Baptist Church, tract 176 feet east-west and 247 feet north-south, beginning 295 feet west of northeast corner, in fractional SE, 7-23-14, $150.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. F. Shary and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baynes to H. H. Houchens, Mississippi County, Ark., all of N W-NW lying west of dredge channel of Little River and all of W-SW lying west of the dredge channel of Little River, 18-25-13, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Alley and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Alley, all of Michigan, to Mary Stewart, Lots 29-30, Block 3, Shidler's Add., Parma, $1.

Ollie M. LaFont to David and Francis LaFont, undivided interest as one of the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adcock, deceased, S-NE and S-NW-NE, 14-21-13, $1.

Lucinda Jefferies, Eva Metts, J. K. Robbins and M. Dixon Hagood, stockholders, to A. T. Pikey, Lots 1-6, Block 23, Barnes First Add., Marston, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Tilghmon to O. C. Clark, all of Pemiscot County, S-SW-NE, 9-20-11, 19.17 acres, $1450.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Diekroeger, St. Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beeson, SE-SE, Sec. 34, and W-N W-SE-NW and N-SW, Sec. 35, all in 24-14, $1.

Tommie Ann Young to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, S-NE-SE, 36-22-12, $1.

George P. Epstein, St. Louis, to Mrs. Margaret DeLisle, undivided interst in Mrs. Margaret DeLisle's First Add., Portageville, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell to to Tommie Ann Young, N-NE-SE, 36-22-12, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hancock to W. M. Allgier, north 70 acres, 27-22-11, $5250.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fuller to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Elfrank, S-E-SE, 24-21-12, $3600.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fisher, undivided half interest in NW-NE, 2-23-15, $375.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Solomon to Jeanette S. Solomon, all of Cairo, Ill., undivided one-half interest in half-acre between Frisco Railroad right-of-way and U. S. Highway 61, NW-NW, 31-21-13, Portageville.

L. B. Stokes and R. W. Stokes, all of E-NE, 31-22-11, lying east of the center line of Ditch 4, in Drainage Dist. 28 and 38, 80 acres. $3590.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morgan to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beeson. W-NW and SE-NW and N-SW, 35-24-14, and SE-SE, 34-24-15, $4,-500.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ross to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones, NW-NW, and north five acres off the north end of SW-NW, 25-23-13, 43.21 acres, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Marlowe to E. E. Jones, Lots 27-29, Range E, Lilbourn, $45.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter to L. W. Stone, NW-NW, 21-23-12, 40 acres, $10.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Wallace, Dunklin County, to A. E. Allgier, Jr., 160 acres, NE, 20-2-11, $9600.

Genevieve Conran and Virginia Conran, Pt. Pleasant, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Sutherland, Portageville, Lots 1 and 7, Block 44, DeLisle's First Add., Portageville, $1000.

Mr. and Mrs. Lebbeus Mundy to Allgieer, W-E-SW and E-W-SW, 26-22-11, 80 acres, $4875.

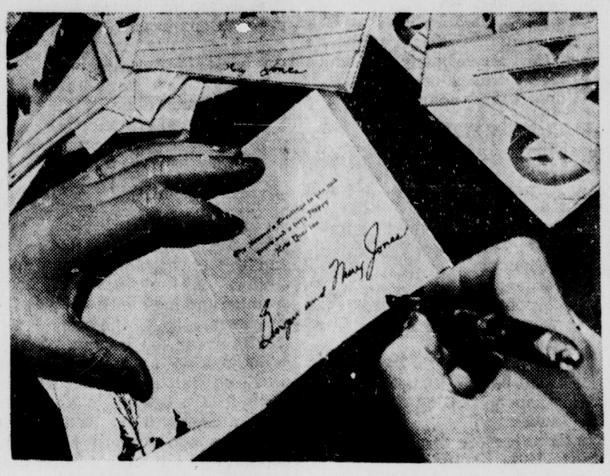
Estella Allgier, Risco, to A. E. Allgier, Jr., Lots 17--8, Block 2, of Himmelberger-Harrison Lumber Co., Original Plat, Risco, $1.

1941 MISSOURI AUTO TAGS WHITE ON BLACK

Jefferson City, Mo., December 19.—Missouri's 1941 car tags—white numerals on black background—will go on sale the day after Christmas.

Reserved plates (low number tags that are held by the same motorists year after year) will be mailed from the Secretary of State's office December 24.

Follow These Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards



IN ADDRESSING Christmas cards, many questions are bound to arise with regard to correct form. The following tips on addressing Christmas cards will, therefore, be welcomed by all who have cards to send.

Christmas greeting cards fall into two general classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mr. and Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell."

Whose name should come first, the husband's or the wife's? Generally, the husband's name comes first. On informal cards, signed in ink, it is quite proper to sign, "Bill and Shirley," or Bill and Shirley Adams, depending, of course, upon how well you know the acquaintance.

A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, should be addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Every card sent out should bear a Mr., Mrs., or Miss prefix. Failure to use this prefix is an unpardonable breach of courtesy.

Do not address a divorcee by her maiden name, unless such name has been established by legal procedure.

John Robertson may be a business associate of yours, to whom you want to send a Christmas card, but you do not know his wife. What shall you do in a case of this kind? It is quite proper to send your card to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, although, on the other hand, it is equally proper to send the card in his name only. It adds a little of the personal touch to learn the home address and send the card there, although directing the card to a business address is quite proper.

Some question as to the propriety of sending out Christmas cards may enter the minds of the family in mourning. By the same token, some question may arise as to the sending of Christmas cards to them. If the bereavement is very recent—within a month—it may be better for the family to omit Christmas cards. And cards to be sent to the family should be selected with considerable care.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

NEW MADRID COUNTY

Otibe Lewis and Lucille McQueen, Portageville.

Frank Worth and Velma Mansker, Morehouse.

Byron Poyner and Barnetta Wamp, Barnes Ridge.

Leo Bowney and Nadine Stubblefield, Portageville.

Gordon Stanfill and Edith Lomax, Wynnburg, Tenn.

PRINCESS MUST PAY MARYLAND INCOME TAX

Baltimore, Md., December 19.—Not even a Crown Princess escapes Maryland's income tax law.

The State Law Department ruled that Crown Princess Martha of Norway must pay the state income tax if she continues to live in Maryland. She leased a home in Bethesda last October.

The ruling on her taxability was asked by the Norwegian Minister and Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, who said "her royal highness came to the United States upon the invitation of this government and is a guest of this country under unusual circumstances."

Being a "guest' and having a (taxable) residence in Maryland are unrelated matter, the legal opinion held.

The domestic airlines operating in interstate commerce continued to maintain their good record, having flown for the 15th consecutive month without a fatality to passenger or crew.

HARD WINTER MEANS FIRE HAZARD

This is a hard winter. The South recently suffered one of the coldest periods in its history. Snow storms in the central area destroyed scores of lives and millions of dollars worth of property. Many regions have experienced cold of abnormal intensity. And the forecasts say that conditions such as this will probably extend well into the spring.

This kind of a winter inevitably gravely increases fire hazards. Old Man Statistics, turning to past precedents, can show you how many more of us will die, how much more property will be laid waste. But Old Man Statistics with his grisly figures can be beaten. We can show him that he isn't right this time.

To take a simple illustration, a severe winter puts great strains on heating plants, stoves, etc. We pile wood and coal in the furnace, and keep the fireplace roaring. That is safe enough if our heating equipment is in good order. But that is a very big "if" indeed. Most of us tend to put off until tomorrow what should be done today. If the furnace isn't quite right, we figure that it may get by—or that there will be plenty of time to have it fixed in the future. Maybe the chimney is throwing off a brilliant display of sparks—but we guess that there is no immediate danger.

That's the attitude fire likes. That's what makes Old Man statistics' forecasts of destruction come true. That's why fires costs us hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Know that your heating equipment is right—don't guess. And that's a job for an expert. Know too that all other fire hazards in your home are under control, and reduced to the minimum. If you do that, this winter won't see the end of your home—and, perhaps, the end of lives in your family.

CORINTH FIRST TO ADOPT COTTON XMAS

Corinth, Miss.—Record for being the first city to adopt the National Cotton Council's 1940 Cotton Christmas program goes to Corinth, Miss., where the Chamber of Commerce has been working closely with the Council since the inauguration of the program in mid-August.

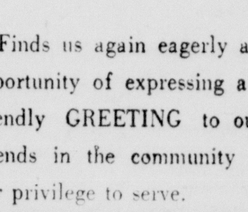
Chamber of Commerce officials said that virtually every merchant in the city had agred to cooperate to "make this a Cotton Christmas" in Corinth.

Newspapers, theaters, and civic clubs are actively working with the Chamber of Commerce on the program.

TWO NAMED TO STEPHENS COLLEGE HONOR LIST

Miss Mary Emma Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Allen, and Miss Mary Jane Sikes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes, were named last week to the dean's honor list at Stephens College, Columbia, for being among the upper ten per cent of the student body of more than 1700. Both girls are prominent in campus activities.

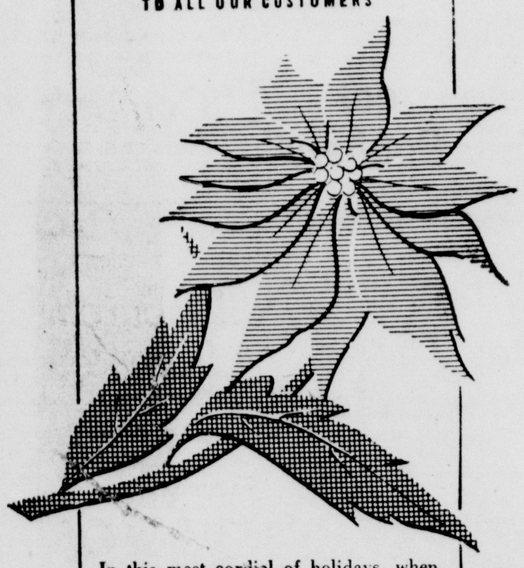
"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given."
Isaiah 9:6



May the Light of Happiness
Shine for You on Christmas Day
And Throughout the New Year

Sikeston Fruit Market
Webber and Hayes

THE
YULETIDE SEASON
BRINGS A
JOYOUS GREETING
TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS



In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails everywhere, may we bring a message of Good Cheer to each of you. and express a sincere wish that the coming year holds the realization of your fondest hopes and ambitions.

Sikeston Farm Equipment Inc.
ALLIS-CHALMERS DEALER

It's Christmas, and with its coming we welcome the fine spirit of friendliness that goes with it, and are desirous of sending this Greeting to all those we serve and those whom we hope to serve.

Elite Hat Shop

IT'S CHRISTMAS

MAY YOURS BE A MERRY ONE AND THE NEW YEAR FILLED WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS
with
Camels and Prince Albert

E. R. TAFT
Rex Lambert

THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER

Finds us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing a warm and friendly GREETING to our hosts of friends in the community which it is our privilege to serve.

It is our sincere wish that we may continue those fine relationships that have come our way.

Sincere good wishes for a Joyful Christmas and . . .

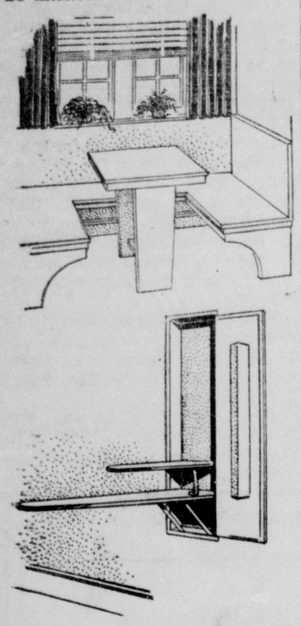
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sikeston Cotton Oil Mill

Better Homes Living

Home owners who modernize their dwelling often are surprised that they endured little inconveniences for so long.

Now it is more surprising than ever, since remodeling work may be financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. The home owner who has grown weary of annoying defects and lack of convenience can give freedom to his wishes, for the opportunities under the FHA plan are broad.



"Built-in" is rapidly becoming a more important word in the vocabulary of the home owner. To say that built-in furniture, shelves, cabinets, and other items of convenience constitute a trend would be an understatement. Because these items are usually located precisely where they are most needed, and because, being built in, they are always in the same place, most progressive builders believe that built-in items will become more and more permanent features of modern home building.

Two examples of built-in conveniences are illustrated here. The fold-away ironing board fits snugly in the little cabinet, thus the chore of home pressing is vastly lightened. The built-in breakfast nook shows only one of many possible styles.

No longer are these features and others like them regarded as luxuries confined to new homes. Older homes may have them(too.

Bulldog Cagers Mark Time Until After Holidays

The Sikeston Bulldogs have no more basketball games on the menu until after the Christmas holidays.

Play will be resumed in the New Year when Chaffee comes here for January 3 for two games, with the "A" and "B" teams.

The Growlers closed their preholiday series last week with a victory over Central High at Cape Girardeau. Cape comes here for a return game Feb. 14.

Coach Green said the Bulldogs would resume their practice the Monday following Christmas.

Pictures of Lexington during the Civil War era will occupy a prominent place in the 1941 Kansas City Better Homes show states the Advertiser-News, recently commenting on the wealth of Civil War lore stored in and near that city. Miss Emory Todhunter, of Lexington, president of the Missouri division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be in charge of the exhibit.

CHRISTMAS COMMISSION

By Ormsby Clark

THE grounds were pitch black as Blackie approached the house. It was scarey business, trying to enter some one else's home. Blackie had been so intent on getting even for having his commission taken away, being cheated by a slick lawyer from his hard earned cash, that he hadn't realized just how he'd feel. Even Hilda hadn't held out against it finally. That was because the kids kept talking about what Santa would bring them tomorrow, and there wasn't even money for food. The thought bucked him up a little, but as he came out of the grounds close to the house, Blackie's heart was going faster than it should.

A dark figure, bulky and moving with difficulty, passed not far from the bushes where he was resting before the final entry. Blackie slunk back out of sight. But before the other figure was gone, a light was flashed on in an upper room. A moment later a shriek was heard: "Help, help, the baby is gone!" A head was stuck out of the window, and the screams increased.

Blackie's response was instantaneous. "What if it was one of my kids," was his thought. He dived through the bushes at once with a yell to the nurse: "I think he's here with the child!"

Unencumbered by a struggling child, Blackie had no difficulty overtaking the man with the bundle which looked suspiciously like it might be a child. As the nurse, and some of the servants drew near, Blackie made a flying tackle and stopped the man. The nurse grabbed the child. To secure the kidnaper was the work of only a moment. Then Blackie was ready to slip out of the picture completely.

RELUCTANTLY he waited in the reception room of the home he had come to rob. The parents had been sent for and were on their way home from a Christmas Eve ball. He was unhappily thinking how near he had come to a frame-up. It was the chauffeur who had taken the child. The chauffeur had hunted Blackie out and told him the Henshaws were to be at a ball that night and most of the servants were to be at a show. He would be chauffeuring the Henshaws. It had come out simply and straightforwardly and Blackie hadn't suspected that the chauffeur had adroitly suggested the whole thing to him.

There was a trample of footsteps and the sound of voices. The mother went straight up stairs, Mr. Henshaw to the hall, and straight over to Blackie. Taking him by the hand he said: "You have done a wonderful thing tonight, Mr. Black. I can never forget it, nor repay you for it. But I want to do something tangible to show my appreciation," and his hand stole into his pocket.

Blackie had stood just about all he could. He rose to his feet and looked squarely into Henshaw's face.

"Don't attempt to reward me, Mr. Henshaw. Perhaps you don't remember me. But I sold some property for you, in Verdugo Hills, and your lawyer cheated us out of our commission. Today I was penniless and I came up here to enter your house and take back my $500. But when your nurse called that the baby was stolen, I thought of my own kids and made a dash for the kidnaper. I'm not low enough to steal kids, but I was a thief at heart. I don't deserve any reward, or any thanks. I thank the Lord I was stopped in time from stealing!"

Mr. Henshaw's face had been a study. Now he smiled a crooked smile at Blackie. "I'm glad I have this opportunity to pay you a commission you earned months ago. It is a joy to know you don't have to steal what is yours, rightfully. Come around and see us after you have done your Christmas shopping!" And he handed him the $500.

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Meat Dishes Economical

When a roast or a steak are too much for the state of your exchequer, you'll find one of the meat dishes below a delicious substitute. Each uses an economy cut which, for all its thriftiness, is none the flavorsome and nourishing.

MEAT PIE WITH BISCUIT TOPPING

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

2 lbs. bottom round of rump beef,, 1½" thick.
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon celery salt
½ cup becon fat
3 beef-bouillon cubes
2¼ cup boiling water·
½ teaspoon bottled condiment sauce
3 large carrots, scrapped and cut in large pieces
12 small white onions, peeled

Cut meat into 1½" cubes, and dredge with ¼ cup of the flour, to which the salt, pepper, and celery salt have been added. Brown quickly in a large skillet in 4 tablespoons of the bacon fat. Melt remaining 4 tablespoons bacon fat in a deep well cooker, large kettle, or Dutch oven; add 2 tablespoons flour, and blend. Dissolve the bouillon cubes in the boiling water, and add gradually to the bacon fat and flour mixture; stir until well blended; add condiment sauce. Add browned meat and drippings to gravy; reduce heat to low, and simmer, covered, for 2 hours. Add vegetables, and continue cooking, covered, 1 to 1½ hours longer, or until vegetables and meat are tender. Then thicken gravy with remaining 2 tablespoons flour blended with 3 tablespoons water. Turn meat mixture into a greased casserole, and top with baking-powder biscuits cut with a doughnut cutter. Bake in hot oven of 450° F. for 15 min., or until biscuits are done. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3, make ½ this recipe, Packaged biscuit mix may be used for the biscuits.

BEEF BIRDS

1½ qts day-old bread crumbs
1¾ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons sage
1 tablespoon chopped celery
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
¼ teaspoon pepper
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup minced onion
6 "cubed" bottom-round steaks, about 3"x5", cut ¼" thick
3 to 4 tablespoons salad oil
2 cups canned tomato juice
2 tablespoon flour
3 tablespoons water
½ teaspoon bottled horseradish
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Combine the bread crumbs, ¾ teaspoon of the salt, the sage, celery, parsley, and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Meanwhile melt the butter; add the onion; and simmer until tender. Add the seasoned bread crumbs, and heat until a light golden brown, stirring the crumbs constantly from the bottom. Spread each steak with some of this bread dressing; roll up, and secure with toothpicks. Brown in the salad oil in a deep skillet. Add remaining 1 teaspoon salt and ⅛ teaspoon pepper, and the tomato juice. Cover, and simmer for 1 hour; or until tender. Serve with a sauce made by adding the 2 tablespoons flour blended with the 3 tabelspoons water to gravy. Season with the horseradish and Worcestershire sauce. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3, make ½ this recipe.

SAVORY LIVER

2 lbs. beef liver in one piece
3 peeled large onions
6 tablespoons salad oil or fat
¼ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
1 cup sour cream
½ cup water

Cut the liver in 1" thick slices. Slice the onions thin, and brown in a skillet with 4 tablespoons of the salad oil. Remove onions from the skillet. Rub the flour into the liver, and brown in the same skillet with the remaining 2 tablespoons salad oil. Add the salt, paprika, browned onions, sour cream, and water. Cover, place over low heat, and simmer gently about -½ hours, or until tender, turning once. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3, make ½ this recipe.

BROILED HAMBURG PATTIE

1 lb. chuck or rump, ground
2 tablespoon minced onion
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ cup canned condensed tomato soup
1 tablespoon prepared mustard

Mix together all ingredients except the mustard. Place on a shallow, greased baking pan, and form into a large, round pattie about 7" in diameter. Spread the top of the pattie with ½ the mustard. Heat broiler for 5 min.; then place the meat in the broiler, about 1½" to 2" below the burner or element. Broil from 7 to 10 minutes on first side; turn with a wide spatula; spread top with remaining mustard; and broil 5 to 7 minutes longer. Serve in pie-shaped pieces. Serves 4 or 5. To serve 2, make ½ this recipe.

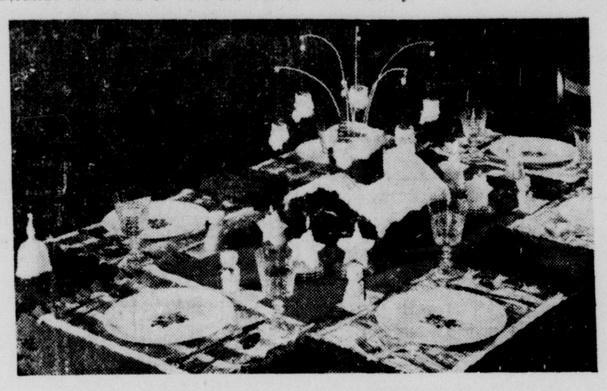
Decorating Your Christmas Table

Believe it or not, it costs a dollar or less to make an unusual Christmas table. The one shown below for instance, with a bit of ingenuity, crepe paper, cotton batting, marshmallows, didn't even cost a dollar.

HELEN KOUES
Director of Good Housekeeping Studio

Why not plan a novel decoration for the Christmas table? Something the grownups will like because it's festive and sets the day apart, and something the children will love!

Instead of using your regular table cloth or doilies, follow the suggestion given in the picture for a novel arrangement. A strip of red crepe paper, fluted on the edges, is used as a runner for the center of the table. Make place mats to match with the same fluted edges. Use cellophane or some type of glittering place mat which you can get at the chain stores to cover the crepe paper mats, to give sparkle to the table. A centerpiece is all important. The little snow-laden house is made from a cardboard box held together with transparent glue tape and covered with red brick paper. The windows are outlined in strips of bright red paper and the chimney is another small box inserted into the roof covered in red brick pattern paper, with cotton batting forming its snow covered roof. A bountiful chimney is sprouting Christmas favors. These are little heads of old Santa, suspended with tinsel strands from bits of wire secured to the chimney.



A novel centerpiece for your Christmas table

The children will love to find a bit of candy or some tiny toy in each one—a surprise when dinner is over. Not only the children, but any member of the family with a sweet tooth, will eye with interest the place cards made of marshmallows. Four and one half marshmallows make up this enticing snow man; two for his feet, one for his body, one for his head and one cut in half for each arm. Bits of candied cherries form the buttons of his coat, his mouth, while citron makes the other features. Or, red can be the entire color scheme. A red cellophane bow, under his chin, adds a Christmas dash. You will also find in your nearby stores, various types of Christmas candles. Here stars were used in semi circles at each end of the house, placed on little glass coolers. Any glass dish would be satisfactory and any Christmas candle would be as pretty. They may be white or red, or green.

For napkins use squares of the red crepe paper.

Two rolls of red crepe paper at 15c each, one roll of brick paper at 15c, 6 candles at 5c each and a box of marshmallows at about 10c and the favors at .ve cents each, brings this gay Christmas table decoration to about $1 10.

There are lots of ways to vary it. Instead of the house, a pile of shiny Christmas tree balls could be used, or fruit could be piled around a tinsel covered basket acting as a grab bag from which tinsel cards attached to favors to be pulled, bring forth a silly rhyme or joke for each

twice 1 cup soft bread crumbs

Santa Letters

Sikeston, Mo.
Dec. 15, 1940.

Dear Santa Clause:

I am just a little girl 7 years old. I have been very good I go to school at Blodgett. I am in the second grade. I want you to bring me a nice baby doll, one that I can wash and keep clean and bring me some dishes too and Santa I would like a pair of house slippers. Santa Clause bring my little brother something. I think he wants a tricycle so I'll be expecting you at my house Xmas eve night.

Wanda Marie Williams
Sikeston, Mo.
R. 2, Box 70.

Sikeston, Mo.
Dec. 15, 1940.

Dear Santa Clause:

I want you to bring me a tricycle and a gun. I am 2½ years old. And some candy and nuts too Santa if that isn't too much and Santa Clause don't forget my little baby sister she is just 6 months old. I believe a rubber doll would be nice for her, so please visit us.

Your little friend,
Lawrence Wessley McCain
Sikeston, Mo.
R. 2, Box 254.

A model truck garden, to produce enough vegetables for the average size family is the goal of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bockhorst, of near Warrenton, says the Banner. The demonstration is being conducted under auspices of the Agricultural Extension Service and the Farm Security Administration. The garden is expected to produce twenty quarts of tomatoes, ten quarts of tomato juice and twenty quarts of green and yellow vegetables for canning.

COTTON CHRISTMAS PLANNED IN ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Ark. — Arkansas home demonstration club women are staging a campaign to make this Christmas a model Cotton Christmas in the state, the National Cotton Council was advised today by Miss Connie J. Bonslagel, state home demonstration agent.

Under the general direction of the extension service and the cotton utilization committee of the Arkansas Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, the campaign is already under way in every county of the state.

Cotton Christmas exhibits have been prepared and placed on display at fairs and achievement day programs throughout the state along with other exhibits on cotton utilization.

The general program as outlined by the extension service calls for exchange of cotton gifts at club Christmas trees, sponsoring of Cotton Christmas poster contests in 4-H clubs of the state, providing newspapers with stories on the project, sponsoring of window display contests among local merchants, using cotton plants and bolls for Christmas decorations, and staging cotton fashion shows.

The home demonstration clubs' campaign is an integral part of the Cotton Christmas program of the Statewide Cotton Utilization Committee.

Presbyterian Church

Christmas Service at 10:45 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Audacity of Christmas."

Sunday evening, Christmas play and tree.

Are you a last Minute Christmas Shopper?

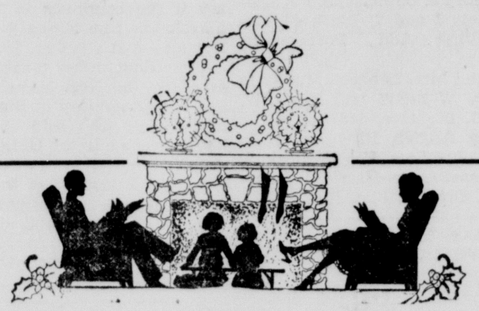
Say it with Flowers from Sidwell's FLOWER BASKET 111 CENTER ST. PHONE 777

* * * Greetings

Our Christmas message is best expressed by our sincere wish that you may have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SIKESTON SEED STORE
Ira Dodd, Prop.

A world without Christmas would be a world without friends



We are thankful for both.
A host of friends has made our progress rapid. The loyalty of our acquaintances has been of material benefit, bringing us a little closer to our goal of achievement.

Christmas gives us a splendid opportunity to express our appreciation for these friends and for the patronage they have given us.
We are glad that the particular world in which we live has friends . . . and Christmas.

The Season's Greetings to each of you!

Malone and Rex Theatres
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen
Owners
Mr. and Mrs. T. Duree (Pete) Medley, Mgrs.

REX THEATRE
Sikeston, Missouri

MONDAY, DEC. 23—
"Charter Pilot"
With Lloyd Nolan.
Admission—10c and 20c

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24-25—
"The Great Plane Robbery"
With Jack Holt.
Admission 10c and 20c

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 26-27—
"Day The Bookies Wept"
With Joe Pennar.
Admission—10c and 20c

SATURDAY, DEC. 28—
"Young Sacremento"
With Bill Elliott.
SERIAL.
Admission—10c and 25c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29-30—
"Grammar For Sale"
With Roger Pryor
Admission 10c and 20c

MALONE THEATRE
Sikeston Missouri

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

LAST SHOWING
MONDAY, DEC. 23—
"Night At Earl Carroll's"
With Ken Murray.
News and Comedy.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24—
"She Couldn't Say No"
With Roger Pryor and Cliff Edwards.
Comedy and Short.
BARGAIN NIGHT
—Matinee and Night—
Admissions ..... 10c and .196
State Tax ..... .004
Total ..... 10c and 20c

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DEC. 25-26—
"Comrade X"
With Clark Gable and Hedy Lamar.
Comedy and Short.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27—
"Dispatch from Reuters"
With Edw. G. Robinson
News and Comedy.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28—
"West Of Abilene"
With Chas. Starrett

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29-30—
"Go West"
With Marx Bros.
News and Comedy.

All Matinees except Saturday and Sunday 10c and 20c
Saturday, Matinee and Night 10c and 30c
Sunday, Matinee and Night 10c and 36c

St. Mary's Seminary Founded by Vincentians in 1818.

St. Mary's seminary in Perry county, Missouri, commonly known as St. Mary's of the Barrens, was incorporated by the State legislature on November 28, 1822, one hundred and eighteen years ago this week. This notable institution of classical and theological learning, the first of its kind west of the Mississippi and the nursery of many pioneer Catholic missionaries in the Middle West, soon became known throughout the Mississippi valley. In 1831, because of the competition offered by this Perry county school, Father Verhaegen, the first president of St. Louis university, advised moving St. Louis college, the forerunner of the university, to Louisiana.

The Barrens, now Perryville, Missouri, a small community of Catholics of English descent. Father Dunand of St. Ferdinand's parish at Florissant was a very welcome minister in this settlement and it was at his request that a church was built at the Barrens. In turn, Father Dunand had very direct influence in getting the first theological seminary in the diocese of St. Louis located at the Barrens.

In 1818, when he learned that Bishop du Bourg was bringing a party of Lazarists to Upper Louisiana, he proposed that the Catholics at the Barrens buy a tract of land immediately adjoining the church and offer it to the bishop as a site for the seminary. The bishop liked the location and accepted the generous offer.

While the seminary building was in the process of construction during the summer and fall of 1818, the seminarians were housed in a home near the church and there the seminary virtually began. The seminary building when completed was a combination of log, frame, brick, and stone and served as the chapel, dormitory, study hall, kitchen, and workshop. At one time in this small building Father Rosati, the first rector or headmaster, taught theology to a group of young seminarists at the same time that other swere engaged in cookthat others were engaged in cook-

It may be said that the institution was Father Rosati's own creation. It was he who devised the plan of the institution and superintended its construction while teaching the most important courses and acting as pastor to the Catholics of the surrounding country.

In time, plans were made to build a larger and better church to replace the old church at the Barrens. On January 6, 1827, the cornerstone of the Church of Assumption was laid—the church of St. Mary's seminary. This church, which was planned as a counterpart of the Lazarists church in Rome, is now the mother church of the Vincentian fathers for the western province of the United States. It contains the tomb of Father de Andreis, the first superior of the order in American. Since this saintly father approved Bishop du Bourg's plan to establish the Vincentian seminary at the Barrens, the church and his tomb are a fundamental part of the institution—"the shrine of visiting priests and laymen."

The lack of equipment in the seminary was more than compensated for in the devotion and scholarship of the fathers. In addition to their duties at the seminary the priests ministered to the spiritual needs of a large number of Catholics in the neighborhood and visited missions, some of them as far away as the Arkansas territory.

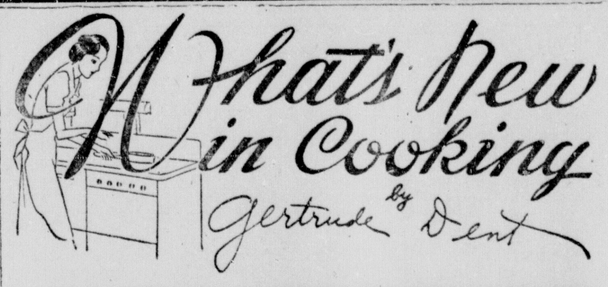
A notice in the Missouri Republican in 1828 announced that the buildings at the seminary were being enlarged. The original curriculum in the classics and theology was enlarged to include courses in English, French, Spanish, Mathematics, bookkeeping, geography, history, reading, and writing. Board and room cost $80.00 a year, and one finds a modernistic note in the announcement that for a fee of $3.00 a year a student was entitled to medical care. Wealthy planters sent their sons up the Mississippi river, some to become candidates for the priesthood, others to become students in the collegiate department. According to a statement made in 1831, the seminary had an enrollment of 150 students, one hundred of whom boarded in the school.

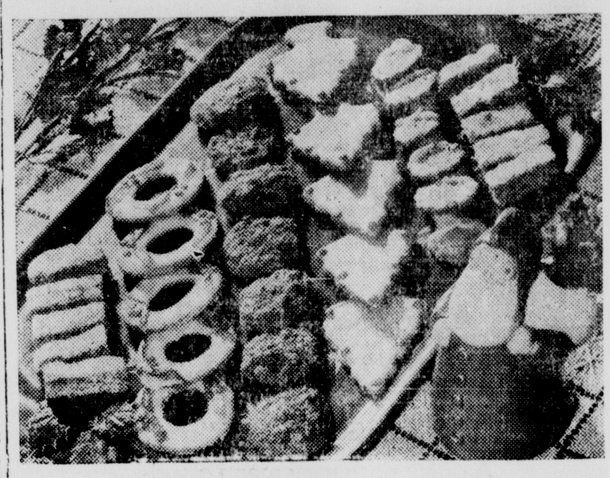
It was on December 13, 1830, that the State legislature gave St. Mary's seminary the right to confer A. B. and A. M. degrees, the first expressed legislative grant to its kind in Missouri.

St. Mary's of the Barrens continued to serve the dual purpose of seminary and college until 1844, when the collegiate department was moved to St. Vincent's college at Cape Girardeau. Since that date, it appears the chief function of the institution has been the training of men for the priesthood. The scholarship and progress of this seminary even from its earliest days have given it a notable place in the history of higher education in Missouri.

In comparing some 15 typical European air routes with the routes of the United States we find that the charge per passenger-mile is somewhat higher in Europe, averaging 6.5 cents to 5.15 for the United States.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
AND
BEST WISHES
FOR A
NEW YEAR
OF
HAPPINESS
LYNN SWAIM
Model Barber Shop





Cookies for Christmas

THE yultide holidays just aren't complete without the traditional assortment of Christmas cookies. They may be any kind, chosen to satisfy the tastes of the family or friends for whom they're intended; but be sure to include among them one or two specialities of your own, and several particularly festive, and out-of-the-ordinary varieties. And if you plan to pack boxes for friends far away, choose cookies that are not too delicate to withstand the strain of travel. Soft, fruity cookies travel best, with less likelihood of crumbling, and they keep well, too.

You'll want to add to your collection of holiday cookie recipes this one for rich, chewy "Chocolate Drops"—a prime favorite with everyone who likes chocolate—and who doesn't? These delicious little morsels add a professional touch to a holiday cookie tray; and faraway friends and relatives will mean it when they write "Thank you!" for a Christmas cookie box packed to the brim with "Chocolate Drops."

Chocolate Drops
(Makes 3½ dozen cookies)

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs (well beaten)
2 squares chocolate (melted)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup flour
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup pecans (cut fine)
½ cup semi-sweet chocolate (cut in pieces the size of peas)

Cream shortening and add sugar gradually. Beat in the eggs. Add melted chocolate and vanilla, and mix well. Sift flour and salt together. Combine with nutmeats and the cut chocolate. Add to first mixture. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in a moderately slow oven with the electric thermostat set at 325° for 12-15 minutes.

You'll find that baking cookies in your modern electric range is something to look forward to with pleasure. Roomy ovens in these new ranges accommodate large-sized cookie pans; accurately controlled temperature insures even baking and browning without the necessity of shuffling pans from shelf to shelf, and changing their positions in the oven. Just preheat the oven to the desired temperature, and place well-filled cookie pans in the oven. Set the timer to remind you when the baking time is up, and without further ado, you'll have pans of cookies, uniformly browned, and baked to a turn.

Put Proper Postage On Christmas Mail

Unsealed Christmas cards will carry for one and one-half cents postage. These cards may bear a simple inscription, which must not be in the nature of personal correspondence. Examples: "Sincerely yours," "With Best Wishes," "Merry Christmas." Be sure the weight of the card and cover does not exceed two ounces.

Letters may not be enclosed with Christmas packages. Such enclosure would make the package first-class. In fourth class or parcel post packages, written greetings such as "Merry Christmas," with identifying names, may be enclosed. Books may bear simple non-personal dedicatory inscriptions. They are carried at a special rate of one and one-half cents per pound.

such as ham, beef, potatoes, green beans, beets, cabbage, apricots, prunes and oatmeal. Obviously if the mere presence of aluminum in food was harmful the human race would have been killed off long ago. Dr. Walter H. Eddy, Director of Good Housekeeping Bureau, supplies the following information:

"Unlike some metals, such as lead, aluminum in small amounts does no harm because it does not accumulate in the body. It is eliminated almost as fast as we eat it. Did you ever have the misfortune to swallow a button or a penny? It didn't poison you because it passed through your intestines without dissolving or being absorbed into the blood. That is true of almost all the aluminum we swallow, and is the reason for its harmlessness.

Dr. E. V. McCollum of John Hopkins University reported in 1928, after a study of the matter that (1) aluminum compounds are not absorbed out of the stomach or intestinal tract when present in the diet; (2) aluminum compounds, when present in the alimentary tract, do not form any union or compound with the stomach or intestinal walls; (3) aluminum compounds in the diet of test animals, in concentration as high as 660 parts per million, exerted no deleterious effect on growth, reproduction, or general well-being of the test animals, as judged by weight, extrnal appearance, or autopsy of the body. This is the dictum of one of our outstanding guardians of public health!

"Dr. Garbiel Bertrand, head of the Biochemical Department of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, in a report written in 1934, reached a similar conclusion, the gist of which is as follows: We never have seen any untoward effect from the eating of as high as 10 mgms. of aluminum per pound of body weight, which confirms our previous experiments and conclusions regarding the relative harmlessness of aluminum swallowed with foods.

"In the Biochemica Zeitschrift, the German investigator, Dr. F. Wuhrer, reviews part work and his own experiments up to 1933, and says, 'Seventy days' ingestion of considerable quantities of aluminum hydroxide had no effect on human beings.'

"And in January, 1936, in the American Medical Journal was published this resume of the whole subject: "There is no convincing evidence that aluminum in the amounts in which it is likely to be consumed as a result of the use of aluminum utensils, has a harmful effect on the ordinary consumer.'

"With such an impressive weight of evidence and scientific opinion to refute the false rumors that there is anything harmful in food cooked in aluminumware, you can use aluminum utensils with absolute confidence in their safety."

Hundreds in Army and Navy, Seized Bund Records Show

Chicago, Ill., December 19.—A Municipal Court investigator who declined to be quoted said today that records seized at the Chicago offices of the German-American Bund included a list of between 1500 and 2000 U. S. Army and Navy officers and privates who apparently were members of the bund.

The records were seized by order of Municipal Judge Oscar S. Caplan in an effort to determine whether the bund and the Teutonia Publishing Company, which have adjoining offices on North Western avenue, had assets to pay delinquent tax bills. They are being sued for non-payment of personal property taxes.

The records were seized by Sergt. Steve Leddy of the State's Attorney's police, a bailiff of the court, and two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents. They were inspected immediately behind closed doors.

William S. Devereaux, FBI agent in charge here, declined comment.

One of the investigators said, however, that the Army and Navy list was checked against an indexed file of "several thousand" Middle West bund members, and that some of the names were on the list.

MISSOURI TO GET FEDERAL HOSPITAL

Washington, Dec. 19.—Construction of a 1,000-bed general hospital in Missouri at a cost of approximately $1,500,000 is planned by the army, informed persons said today.

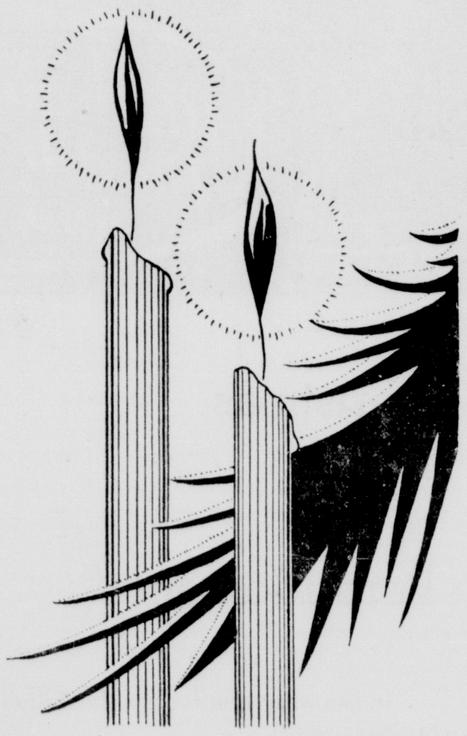
War Department officials would not discuss the plans pending final determination of the location. It was learned, however, that at least three cities—Carthage, Joplin and Springfield—were being considered as the site of the hospital, which would be the last of nine planned by the War Department to meet requirements of the expanded army.

Limited existing facilities available at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, probably would be used to supplement the new hospital.

MAY THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON REMAIN WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR
LARIMER'S BAND BOX CLEANERS

APPRECIATING to the fullest extent the cordial relations existing between us in the past, we take this opportunity to cordially wish you an old fashioned *Merry Christmas*

May the Happiness and Good Cheer which we hope is yours this Christmas never cease in the days to come, and may the New Year bring each of you the Prosperity, Health and Real Happiness you so much deserve.



BEST WISHES for the Best Day of the Year

GRABER'S STORES

Aluminum Utensils Are Safe To Use

An occasional letter or comment from readers tells us that some consumers still have the erroneous belief that it is harmful to cook in aluminum utensils. There is no scientific evidence that well-made aluminum utensils are harmful in any way. As a matter of fact, even though we did not use aluminum utensils for cooking, we should still be taking measurable amounts of aluminum with our meals. Many common foods contain some aluminum in their natural state,

Old Santa Couldn't Do More!

If we could turn old Santa loose, with instructions to be particularly good to each of those who have been so thoughtful of us, we believe the jolly old gentleman would have a difficult time in getting around this year.

That's why we are so anxious to extend our sincere good wishes to all, and to wish for you and yours all the joys and happiness that you so richly deserve.

David Blanton
Prosecuting Attorney

Expressing Sincere Good Wishes

OUT OF THE PAST

The Christmas and New Year Season brings to mind the gratitude that is in our hearts for all the blessings that have come our way. In the past the friends of this organization have made possible progress and a certain amount of prosperity. Through these friendships life has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. All we ask is the pleasure of a continuance of these fine relationships—so that we may look with a genuine enthusiasm toward the future.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

E. C. Robinson Lumber Company
M. E. FUCHS, Manager

Carl said good-bye in the presence of Sarah's mother—and Henry.

CHAPTER ONE

"We used to run away when we didn't have the courage to face a problem—a man usually went out to Australia to raise sheep."

It was seasoned, melowed old age bantering with youth—bantering, not preaching—For Lord Shayne had a twinkle in his eye and a vibrant lift to his voice despite his seventy-odd years.

His artist friends' studio, in London, in the late Victorian nineties, was littered that afternoon with all the young man's worldly possessions—few enough to be easily accommodated in the sorry looking trunk and the three bags he was packing.

"What's the idea of packing up and running off? A fine thing, too, leaving me in this inadequate state. I have X-Rays at home that are more flattering!" Lord Shayne continued his banter. He had turned to an unfinished painting of himself. To do him justice, when finished, the painting would show a strikingly handsome man still possessed of amazing vigor, vitality—and good nature.

"I'll finish it from memory—and send it to you—but I know you don't care whether you get it or not," Roger replied. "It's tough to have your only client buying only from a sense of pity." There was complete frustration in his voice.

"I presume you'll finish this one of Betty from memory, too," Lord Shayne remarked. "I had dinner with her last night."

"Did she put you up to coming here?" Roger burst out hopefully.

"Out of deference to the presense of her father," replied Lord Shayne ruefully, "artists were definitely excluded from the conversation."

Bitterness crept into the youngster's voice. "I can understand that," he said. "The old boy threatened to cut her off without a bean if she even so much as looked at me again."

"And so you're deciding for Betty? You're sure that luxury and security means that much to her?" The old gentleman's manner was a bit more serious.

"Hang it all! I can't ask her to share nothing," Roger answered.

"Sharing love is far from sharing nothing," Lord Shayne said in quiet, even tones that suggested reminiscence. "You youngsters are so suspicious of sentiment. I find it very comforting.

"That from you—a confirmed old bachelor," Roger shot back in a you-can't-prove-it mood.

"But I did come here for a purpose," his old friend continued lightly. "Before you go I want to take you to see a charming lady."

"I'm sorry sir," said Roger. "I must get on with my packing—and beside, I don't feel like talking to anyone today."

"Our charming lady will do the talking," Lord Shayne answered with a smile. ". . . and she knows a great deal about this business of rasing sheep in Australia!"

They went — and before the charming lady came down to greet them in a drawing room that breather a mysterious sweetness and beauty, a double-hinged portrait frame on the piano told them a story. It was rich in memories for one of them. It saved the other's life!

Sarah Millick belonged to the Victorian era only by accident of birth. Her title parents chose her voice teacher and the man she was to marry in very much the same way Carl Minden had been teaching in the very best families in London. Harry Daventry was definitely "eligible"—he would inherit a title and money, his future in the Foreign Office was already assured.

Sarah often wondered: Was what her mother called her "impetuousity" a sin; was it wrong to be gay—to do the things your heart told you it was right to do?

The new life she would begin when she married this very desirable young man would be like the old one. She asked Harry: "You don't like to do things impetuously, do you—to do them because you love them—because you'd hate to do anything else?" And his reply had been properly ponderous as befitted his position as a Foreign Office career man. "I have a simple philisophy Sarah," he had said . . . "and a sound one, too. It merely that there's a limit to everything." Perhaps she hadn't convinced him of her sincerity with her reply: "How right you are, Harry! A limit to music, a limit to spring, a limit to young boys and girls dancing, a limit to old people's remembering when they were in love."

Her association with Carl Linden—she couldn't call him Mr. Linden for he wasn't much older than she—hadn't helped to convince her that the English proprieties were the only ones—or even the best ones—in the world. Carl came from lovely Vienna and he couldn't help talking a bit about it now and then. He was going back. Vienna was the city of cultural beauty—there he'd find appreciation for the operetta he had written—there it would be produced—there he would achieve a success to be measured in something other than the English pounds he was earning!

Carl and his operetta! Sarah was sure it was the handsome young man's enthusiasm for his art, his genius as a composer she loved. She was going to marry Harry. That last lesson, the day before the wedding—just a few hours before the pre-nuptial ball-found her singing the selections from Carl's work which she had learned to believe in just as much as he. "The Call of Life"!—could any melody be sweeter, could any message be more lovely:

"There is a call that echoes sweetly
When it is Spring and love is in the air;
Whate'er befall, respond to it completely,
Tho' it may bring you sadness and despair.
Fling far behind you
The chains that bind you
That love may find you
In joy or strife;
Tho' Fate may cheat you
And defeat you,
Youth must answer to the Call of Life."

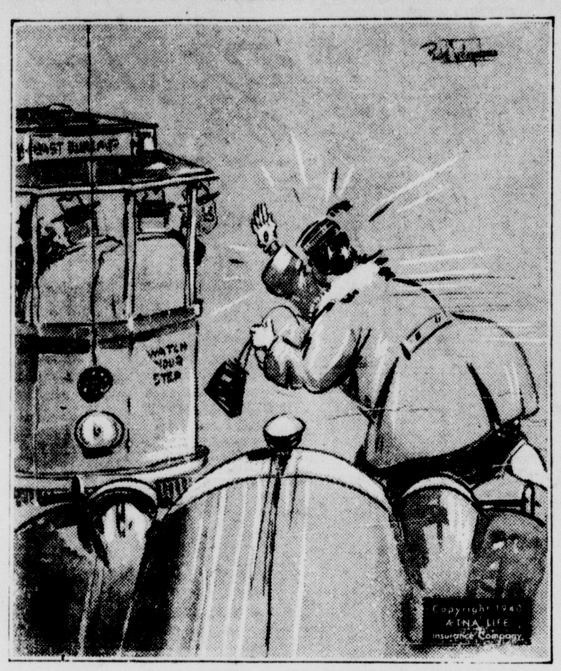
Carl had said goodbye—in the presence of Sarah's mother—and Henry. He'd see his pupil again, he said, when he played for the dancing at the ball — but the crowds would be too great for what he wanted to say. "I shall be far away in my own country, Miss Sarah," began the speech he may not have thought bold, "but each year when spring comes round again I shall remember you—and what a charming pupil you were. And I'll remember that, although you sometimes sang your top notes from the back of your throat and your middle notes through your nose, you always sang your deep notes from your heart!"

The lights were bright, the music was entrancing, her friends were dear—and solicitious. Sarah was shockingly "impetuous" at the ball. She upset a glass of claret punch over the waistcoat of the distinguished Sir Arthur Fenchurch! A lot of others had wanted to do it before. Jane, who dropped her "r's" and "developed" the passing of another "eligible" from the matrimonial market, hurried the news to the prospective bridegroom. "The poow man was dwipping," she said.

Carl sang another song from his operetta at intermission time. "Tho' there may be beauty in this land of yours," it went, "skies are often dull and gray. If I could but take that little hand of yours, just to lead you secretly away. We would watch the Danube as it gently flows, like a silver ribbon winding free; Even as I speak my longing grows, once again my dear land to see. If you could only come with me, if you could only come with me."

It was only "fiction"—but that night Sarah crossed the Channel with a penniless composer — the man she loved. Vienna and romance were their goal!

A welcome—military and unfortunate—in the next chapter.



"I'LL GET IT YET."

A quick dash may mean a sudden stop—and a slow recovery.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

Odd, isn't it, how a man can go out for a lark and come home with a few swallows under his belt?

Asked to write a brief essay on the life of Benjamin Franklin, a little girl wrote this gem of a paragraph:

"He was born in Boston, traveled to Philadelphia, met a lady on the street, she laughed at him, he married her, and discovered electricity."

Two somewhat intoxicated gentlemen were standing near the water's edge when one lost his balance and fell in. "Help! Help!" he called, as he floundered about. "I can't swim a stroke."

"Whash you hollerin' about?" asked the other. "You gotta fine chansh't learn, ain't you?"

John played truant from school one day, and the following morning was worried as to how to square himself with the teacher. He decided to write a note of excuse, signing his mother's name, which resulted in the following: "Please excuse Johnny for being absent yesterday. I tore my pants. Yours truly, Mrs. Jones."—Jackson Cash-Book.

The Adam's apple is the most sensitive part of the human body, according to authorities.

Belt Governors Asked to Issue Proclamations

Memphis, Ten.—The National Cotton Council announced today that it is seeking the cooperation of governors and mayors in all cotton-producing states in issuing proclamations officially designating this Christmas as a Cotton Christmas.

Governor of eighteen states are being asked by President Oscar Johnston of the Cotton Council to lend their support to the Cotton Christmas program "because its success is of vital interest to each of the states dependent or partially dependent upon cotton as a source of income."

Mayors of cities throughout the Cotton Belt will be contacted by the Councils county committees and other organizations sponsoring community observances of Cotton Christmas to gain their support of the program.

"From every section of the Cotton Belt and from many other states we have received endorsements of the Cotton Christmas program", Mr. Johnston declared. "Newspaper editors and merchants associations have been particularly enthusiastic in their commendation, stating that it offers a real opportunity to increase cotton consumption during a period of particularly heavy retail buying.'

The Council leader pointed out that already pledges of cooperation have been received from organizations in virtually very state in the Cotton Belt.

"This is a program deserving the recognition of every public official in the Cotton Belt," Mr. Johnston said. "We therefore urge that every governor and every mayor in the Belt designate this Christmas as a Cotton Christmas, and lend their support in making this major cotton merchandising event a real success.'

TEXAS ASSOCIATIONS ENDORSE XMAS PLAN

Dallas, Texas.—Leading in the movement to make this a Cotton Christmas in Texas, are the Texas Retail Dry Goods Association and the Retail Merchants Association of Texas.

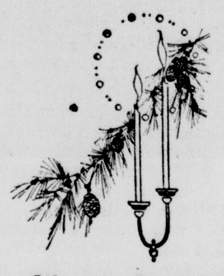
These organizations have advised the National Cotton Council that they will distribute Cotton Christmas programs among their members ovr the state. More than 270 local retail merchants associations will be contacted during the campaign.

PHILIPPINE NATIVES PERISH IN CROCODILE-INFESTED RIVER

Manila, Dec. 19. — Eighteen Moros, including a number of women and children, died in the crocodile-infested Agus River after two native boats that had been lashed together sank in midstream. There were only seven survivors.

There are 250,000,000 Moslems in the world.

Greeting You at Christmas and Wishing You Every Happiness



Sikeston Production Credit Association

THINKING OF YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

WE are wishing you heaps of cheer and hoping these wishes will bring you joy every day of the year.

May your voyage through the days ahead carry you over pleasant ways to a new and full contentment.

This adventisement is worth a free Christmas dinner if used with three additional Dinners on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

B & N CAFE

Young Bldg. Center St.

A Joyous Yuletide

WITH BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

LLOYDS CAFE
North New Madrid St.

WITH THE

BEST OF GOOD WISHES

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR FROM EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS FIRM TO EACH OF YOU.

Heisserer's Drug Store

It's Christmas

May yours be a merry one and the New Year be filled with joy and happiness in return for your thoughtfulness to this organization.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

WOEHLECKE, the Florist

Christmas is one of the Rare Moments

In life when one forgets the daily routine and the cares of the business world.

It's the only day that plucks at your heartstrings and makes us thoughtful and appreciative.

So, we can't let this Christmas slip by without telling you how grateful we are to you for what you have done for us.

And after the Holidays are over we want you to know that we are going to work with but one thought in mind—the conviction that a satisfied customer is worth a dozen prospective ones.

That your Christmas may be a merry one and 1941 the most prosperous year you've ever experienced is the

Sincere wish of

THE SIMPSON OIL COMPANY
Service Stations in Southeast Missouri

WARM GREETINGS GLAD THOUGHTS AND HEARTY WISHES FOR A

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CHRISTMAS

. . . brings to each of us an appreciation of those fine friendships and memories which make life worth living. And so at this glad Holiday Season, we extend to you our cordial greetings and wish for you both health and happiness throughout all the coming year.

W. L. McDONALD
Surveyor Elect

Merry Christmas!

HAPPY

New Year

DEMPSTER Furniture and Undertaking Co.

"What do you mean—a fair option price?" Gordon managed to inquire.

SYNOPSIS:

Dulcy Ward (Ann Southern), whose "heart is where her brain should be," is always trying to help people—and messing things up. C. Roger Forbes (Ronald Young) is guest of honor at a house party Dulcy has arranged. Mrs. Forbes and Angella (Billie Burke and Lynn Carver) are with him. Dulcy's brother Bill (Dan Dailey, Jr.) can't overcome Forbes' objections to his marrying Angela. Gordon Daly (Ian Hunter), whom Dulcy has met by accident and with whom she has fallen in love, is present at Dulcy's requst to try and sell an airplane motor he has invented. Forbes who owns Forbes Aircraft. A mildly deranged stranger who crashes a plane in the lake near the lodge has joined the party; he represents himself as Schuyler Van Dyke (Reginald Gardiner), financier. Forbes is leaving after a series of mishaps which has enraged him. He's seen Gordon's motor (with a vital part missing) and has refused to buy it.

CHAPTER FIVE

Gloom one could slice with a knife was the principal item on the menu for breakfast next morning at the Ward lodge.

True to his promise of the night before, C. Roger Forbes came downstairs looking for boat and train schedules and ordering his wife and daughter to pack.

Bill and Angela in one combination, and Gordon and his motor in another, were a lot worse off than when they started, as regards Mr. Forbes' approval of their cherished plans.

Dulcy ought to have been in complete despair—but she wasn't. Failure was a word she knew little about. That she had no coherent or logical plans to save what seemed to be a hopeless situation didn't mean that something wouldn't "turn up"—it 'most generally did, for better or for worse.

Gordon announced his departure for the city as soon as he could locate Sneezy, who seemed to have strayed away somewhere. He told Dulcy he was sure "Forbes would rather fly his planes with rubber bands," than with a motor that had his name on it.

Bill, tired of Dulcy's fumbling efforts in his and Angela's behalf, decided to try a plan of his own. He found the girl he was determined to marry alone in the library hiding from her father's latest storm.

"Listen, darling," he said quickly. "This looks like our swan song unless we do something about it. We've got to do it now—this minute—or else!"

Reluctantly Angela agreed to brave her father's wrath and elope within the hour, with the young man of her choice.

"We'll leave your father a note," Bill said. "He'll know about it before we are married—but he won't be able to do anything about it."

Angela wrote the note.

Bill found Dulcy on the terrace. "Where's Henry?" he asked. "I've something important I want him to do for me."

"Henry isn't here," was his sister's entirely non-cooperativ answer.

The time was short. Bill hurried Dulcy over to a secluded corner and whispered: "Then I want you to do me a favor."

"No more favors for anyone—I've reformed," was Little Miss Fix-it's sorrowful reply. Bill had heard that before. He sincerely wished it were true—but he was absolutely certain it wasn't.

"See this letter," Bill whispered as he pushed a plainly addressed but not one second before he gets hands. "Give it to Mr. Forbes—bht not one second before he gets on the boat to go to the train!"

"Why . . . what's in it?" Dulcy asked, hanging back.

"Oh, for the love of Pete, you don't have to know," Bill answered. "But is has some . . . secret plans for a new kind of . . . amphibian. And, if you value your life, don't you mess up this job."

Dulcy thought it strange that Brother Bill kissed her hurriedly and said goodbye.

Mr. Forbes gruffly refused the inviting breakfast Dulcy offered to serve him from the buffet on the terrace. He had phoned across the lake for a launch to pick him and his family up and he was waiting nervously and impatiently. He weakened, however, when he lifted the cover off a dish of scrambled eggs.

"Sit down, please, and I'll fix some for you right away," said Dulcy. As she pulled out a chair for the slightly molified visitor, she absent-mindedly place Bill's letter, which she still carried in her hand, on the table. Mr. Forbes picked up the letter, boldly and properly addressed to him, before his breakfast was served.

Dulcy had no reasonable argument why he shouldn't read it—and he did. He had surprised Angela with his discovery of her elopment plans and was waiting in her room when Bill came in, bag in hand, ready for the final takeoff.

"Mr. Ward," he said angrily, "When I accepted your hospitality this week end I didn't suspect you would try to make off with my daughter!"

"Pardon me, sir," replied Bill with equal anger. "You not only suspected it—I think you expected it. But your expectations underwent a change—and I dare say Dulcy can be thanked for that. She certainly deserves thanks for giving you that note—and I'm going to see that she gets it!"

It was the mad Van Dyke who dried the tears Dulcy was shedding because of the "bawling out" her brother had given her. He'd been wandering around a bit aimlessly ever since more exciting events had engrossed the attention of his week end inamorata.

"Now, now," he said. "Don't cry. People just don't understand you. I know how it is—they don't understand me either."

"G-gosh! You're the first person that's said a nice word to me today," replied Dulcy gratefully. "Everything's gone wrong!"

"Tell me about it. You can confide in me . . . we understand each other," urged Van Dyke—and no speech was ever uttered in more comforting tones, for Mr. Van Dyke was always courtesy personified.

"Well, it all started over Gordon's motor," Dulcy began. "It's an airplane motor . . . runs on practically anything. I thought Mr. Forbes would buy it but—something happened, and now he's not interested."

"Forbes is crazy . . . just like the rest of them," said Van Dyke with conviction. "Tell me, do you think this motor a good proposition?"

"Good! Why, it's worth million!" Dulcy exclaimed—and her heart was speaking.

Van Dyke was silent for a moment. He gazed thoughtfully out over the lake.

"You know," he said. "This may have been a lucky week end for both of us. For some time I have been considering adding large scale airplane manufacturing to my other interests. Perhaps the motor is exactly what I need. Would it be possible to look at it?"

Gordon had just finished crating the motor for shipment back to New York when an excited Dulcy and Mr. Van Dyke found him in the boathouse.

"Gordon, stop! Open the box!" exclaimed Dulcy.

"What for asked Gordon dully.

"Mr. Van Dyke wants to see the motor . . . to back it," was the amazing statement he heard.

"As I was telling Miss Ward," Van Dyke broke in, "if the motor is all she claims it is I should be willing to give you a fair option price and make immediate plans for large-scale manufacture."

"What do you mean—a fair option price?" Gordon managed to inquire while slowly recovering from shock.

"Oh, er—say ten thousand dollars . . . pending a later contract on a twelve percent royalty basis," continued Van Dyke expansively.

Had they been less interested in the exciting business deal they were consummating the trio in the boathouse might have observed an interesting incident on the dock just outside the door.

A launch pulled up and a man with a traveling case prepared to get out. It was Homer Patterson.

"What makes you so sure I'll find my brother here?" he inquired of the boatman who had brought him.

"You said he was a loony-bug, didn't you?" the countryman returned.

"Well, er-er," Patterson stammered in embarrassment.

"Then if he ain't at this place I'm gonna be very surprised," was the cryptic response.

"You say the back entrance is this way? I don't want to startle or embarrass anyone," Patterson remarked as he stepped ashore and the boat pulled away.

"Hey! Hey! Come back here!" shouted Mr. Forbes as he came running down from the lodge. He was still marooned—waiting—and he thought the launch was the one he had summoned to rescue him.

The airplane manufacturer was the first person Dulcy met when she came out of the boathouse with Gordon and Van Dyke. She'd have shouted her glad tidings to the cook, the gardener, or the stable boy if anyone of them had been the first.

"Oh, Mr. Forbes! Guess what!" she cried as she grabed hold of him and blocked his way.

"Please, Miss Ward," he growled. "I'm in no mood for guessing games. Let me through."

"Mr. Van Dyke's going to back Gordon's motor," she continued excitedly.

"Yes, sir . . . here's a check for a sixty-day option," broke in Gordon who was riding the same high, fast-moving cloud.

The big, shrewd business man's thinking apparatus did a sudden and complete somersault. He dropped the bag he was carrying, fairly grabbed the check from Gordon, then turned to Van Dyke.

"Have you seen the motor?" he asked incredulously.

"Absolutely!" the pseudo financial and industrial wizard orated with sweeping gestures. "In six months' time, your planes will be obsolete. This motor is one of the greatest boons to the present day airplane business. I predict, Mr. Forbes, that in exactly one year from this very day you will be a broken man!"

Don't miss the final chapter.

Cotton Gifts For Cotton Folks

To increase cotton consumption, R. A. Oliphant, Chester, S. C., fertilizer manufacturer celebrates Cotton Christmas by giving his customers cotton gifts. Mr. Oliphant recently introduced the idea before the annual convention of the Southern fertilizer manufacturers urging its adoption throughout the Cotton Belt.

Tarkio will have a new city park, according to the Rock Port Mail in announcing a federal allocation of $26,908 for use in developing the former CCC grounds recently acquired for that purpose. Buildings not needed in the park will be razed and modern, playground facilities installed.

A Joyous Noel

We sincerely hope your Christmas will be filled to overflowing with happiness and good cheer and may the New Year be one of Health, and Prosperity

O. L. Spencer
Judge Probate Court

Wishing you all the joys of the season and a New Year filled with Happiness!

Mattingly's Sinclair Station
1941 License Plates on Sale
Thursday, Dec. 26th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The cordial relation between the friends of this firm and our personnel inspires the hearty wish that your Christmas will be joyful and that the New Year will hold for you a gratifying measure of happiness and contentment. We welcome the opportunity to offer this Christmas sentiment in appreciation of the good will and confidence we enjoy from you. From this priceless asset—the good will of all we serve and those who serve us—we hope to draw inspiration for continued effort and for a greater achievement in the future. As the old year draws to a close, amid the good fellowship of Christmastime, we consider it singularly appropriate to extend the compliments of the season to our good friends. We wish for each of you the Merriest Christmas and a year full of happiness, health and prosperity. May you experience a satisfactory fulfillment of every vision.

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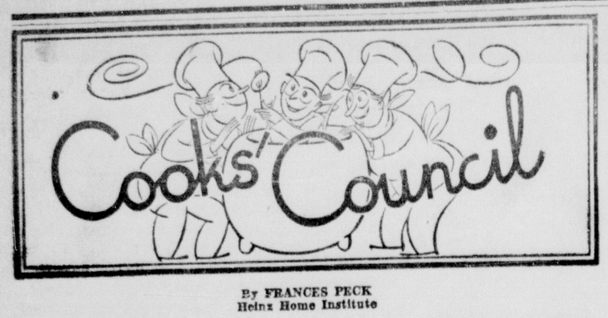

By FRANCES PECK
Heinz Home Institute

TEMPTING FOOD FOR THE CONVALESCENT

Preparing meals for a convalescent member of your family is a definite challenge to your ingenuity—you want the meal to intrigue the not-too-enthusiastic appetite and at the same time build him up to sparkling health. And in order to give yourself time for certain little extra touches which make mealtimes interesting for the patient, you have to plan his meals so you can prepare certain of his dishes along with the family's fare.

But there are compensations—you get real pleasure out of watching your patient grow stronger day by day and finally go back to his regular activities. You find you have some helpers you hadn't counted on as well. There are prepared strained foods, for example, that play such an important part in the diet of the modern infant. They are excellent to serve the patient who is allowed only soft foods.

When it comes to planning dishes which are good for both an active family and a convalescent, you can count on these strained foods making such tempting dishes as vegetable custards and soufflés and strained fruit desserts which everyone enjoys. The family finds it no hardship to be served such attractive foods and they are particularly good for the patient because they are a combination of health-giving milk and eggs with foods which furnish a maximum of vitamins and minerals.

Prepared strained foods eliminate the task of cooking and sieving which is necessary in order to have the fruits and vegetables easily digested by the convalescent for whom the doctor recommends a soft diet. Furthermore, they are foods which have been hurried to the preparation kitchens at the peak of their perfection, where they are cooked and sieved with special equipment in the absence of air. Thus they retain the highest possible proportion of their minerals and vitamins.

These foods—13 different kinds of vegetables, fruits, meats and cereals—lend themselves admirably to the making of various interesting dishes which everyone enjoys. The following menu composed of dishes made from prepared strained foods will delight the family as well as the patient. If you wish, you might substitute scrambled eggs and bacon for the poached egg on toast cubes and perhaps add a salad for the well members of the family. It has lots of color and variety to please the palate of the most temperamental patient.

Soft Diet for Patient and Family

Tomato Juice
Baked Carrot Ring with Buttered Spinach
Poached Egg on Toast Cubes
Fruit Tapioca Cream Parfait
Tea

Baked Carrot Ring with Buttered Spinach

Beat with a fork—
1 egg.
Add, combining thoroughly—
1 can strained carrots
1 tablespoon butter, melted
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon milk.

Pour into two buttered individual ring molds, set in a pan of warm water and bake in a slow oven (325° F.) 40 to 45 minutes. Unmold. Heat a can of strained spinach, add one tablespoon butter and salt to taste. Place half this vegetable in center of each ring and serve at once. (Serves 2.)

Fruit Tapioca Cream Parfait

Scald—
2 cups milk.
Stir in—
3 tablespoons tapioca.
Cook five minutes after scalding point is reached.
Combine—
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
⅛ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla.
Add gradually to milk and tapioca mixture, stirring constantly.
Beat until stiff—
1 egg white.
Add gradually to egg white—
3 tablespoons sugar.

Fold meringue gradually into hot mixture. Chill. Serve in tall dessert glasses in alternate layers with fruit sauce. (Makes 4 servings.)

Fruit Sauce for Parfait

Combine—
1 can strained apricots and apple sauce
1 tablespoon sugar or light corn syrup or honey
1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Serve on Fruit Tapico Cream Parfait. Makes one-half cup.

Note: A can of strained pears and pineapple may be substituted for the strained apricots and apple sauce if lemon juice is increased to two tablespoons.

News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Malcolm and two children expect to spend Christmas Eve and Day with her parents in Gideon.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. D. McAdams left Monday for Keytesville, Mo., to visit relatives over Christmas. Marshall Walker accompanied them to Keytesville as their guest.

Mrs. J. F. Cox, Jr., Mrs. Val Sharp, Mrs. Garwood Sharp and Mrs. B. J. Murback were in Cape Thursday afternoon, and were accompanied to Sikeston by Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, who had visited Mrs. R. S. Rutledge for a week.

Mrs. Ella Old went to Moberly, Mo., Friday to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Old during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson of Kennett will be guests in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Christmas Day.

Staff Sgt. C. B. Johnston and K. C. Johnston, both of Randolph Field, Texas, arrived last Thursday night to visit their sister, Mrs. P. A. McDougal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews were in Memphis, Tenn., last Wednesday and Thursday, and were accompanied home by their son, Bob, who flew to Memphis from Orlando, Fla. Bob is a student at Rolins College, Winter Park, Fla.

Mrs. Barney Wagner entertained her Rook Club and additional guests at a Christmas party in her home Thursday night.

William Clifford Brown visited his grandmother, Mrs. Rinda Scott in Charleston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll will spend Christmas Day in Fredericktown with the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Francis. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll were dinner guests in the home of Mr. Carroll's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Carroll at Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Caplinger have gone to Jefferson City to visit their daughter and son the later's family, during the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young are planning to entertain at a family dinner in their home on Christmas Day, which is anticipated as an annual event. Covers will be laid for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penney of Poplar Bluff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Jr., of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Francis, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and baby, Dick Young and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, their daughter, Betty, and son, Billy, left Sunday morning for Jacksonville, Ill., to visit Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. J. E. Huckeby, during the holidays.

Mrs. Rickard Barnett of Julesburg, Colo., is expected to arrive Christmas Eve to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welch for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan went to St. Louis last Thursday to visit their son, Amos Buchanan and family, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Roush will be dinner guests in the home of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie in Charleston, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Pickett will be guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pickett Christmas Eve and Day.

Miss Mary Hinchey of Chicago is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sue Hinchey this week.

Mrs. G. W. Clark and her sister, Mrs. Al Daily, who are residing in the home of Mrs. Kate Greer on North Kingshighway, have gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Liar have invited the following members of the family to dinner on Christmas Day: Mrs. Julia Rowe, Herbert Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lair and son, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Salmon and daughter, Miss Louise of Kennett, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mattingly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lair and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Chaffee will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield Wednesday.

Miss Esther Duncan of Jefferson City will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Duncan this week.

Marshall Walker spent the week end in Charleston as the guest of Judge and Mrs. Chas. E. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh and Mrs. Elizabeth Leigh were guests Friday of Mrs. L. L. Conatser in Kennett.

Mrs. William Lesley, who was a surgical patient in Barnes Hospital for two weeks, has returned to her home in Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp and two children of Gideon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Malcolm Friday.

Miss Peg Donnell invited a group of friends to her home Saturday afternoon to meet her house guests informally.

Mr. and Mrs. Garwood Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyce were in St. Louis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Malone of Baltimore, Md., will spend the Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell.

Mrs. Ruby Hamby, who is employed in St. Louis expects to spend Christmas Day in Sikeston with her mother, Mrs. Dora Suver, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Hamby.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church held their Christmas party last week at the home of Mrs. W. I. Sidwell on South Kingshighway. The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lon Nall with Mrs. John Husher, Mrs. M. P. Tinder and Mrs. V. T. Crowe,

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dover's Christmas guests are their three sons who arrived in Sikeston over the week end. Joe Dover is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Bob belongs to the U. S. Navy and has just received his transfer from Pensacola, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., where he goes after his visit here, and John is a student at Central College in Fayette, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Williams will entertain at a family dinner on Christmas Day for the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Leman Shell, and two sons, Billy and Lee of Hunterville, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Shell and baby daughter, Margaret Ann of Sikeston and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Hayden of Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolard Baker and their two daughters of St. Louis, who are spending several days in Memphis, Tenn., as guests of Mr. Baker's mother, Mrs. Florence Baker, are expected to visit Mrs. J. E. Dover during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Brown and daughter, Shirley Jean will visit relatives in Kennett Christmas Day and Mrs. Brown and her daughter plan to visit there the remainder of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Carroll are planning to have a family dinner at their home Christmas Day for the following relatives, Mrs. Robt. Ragland and son of DuQuoin, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weeks and family of New Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branum of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard Kirk expect to leave Sunday, Dec. 29, for New Orleans, La., to remain until after the Sugar Bowl Game on Jan. 1.

Mrs. C. C. White expects to be the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sherwood in Dexter Christmas Day.

Nation's Christmas Bill Set at $62 per Family; Toys Cost $183,000,000

You're paying a part of this bill: Santa's middle men predict a $183,000,000 national toy bill this year, which would be about the same as was spent last year to spread cheer among the youngsters.

The array around Am[illegible]n Christmas trees this season, [illegible]ing toys, will cost each [illegible] average of $62.50, acco[illegible] liable surveys.

There's another [illegible] Between 250,000 an[illegible] persons are being added [illegible]ation's payrolls during th[illegible]ay rush, and the turnover [illegible] raise total 1940 sales for the [illegible]r to at least last year's volu[illegible] of nearly $40,000,000,000.

Camel Distributes Gifts To Children in Syria

Christmas gifts are presented by a camel in Syria. The youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men is called the Camel of Jesus. It performs the task each year of distributing presents.

Dark Christmas

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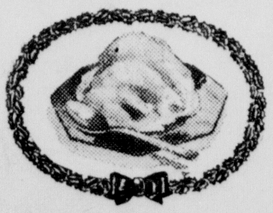

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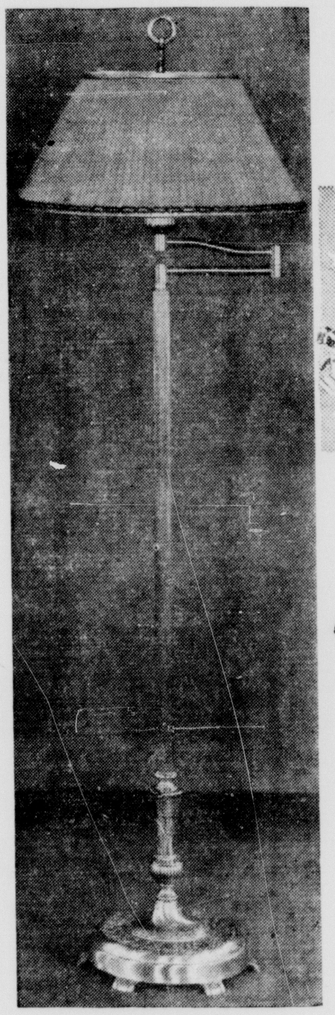

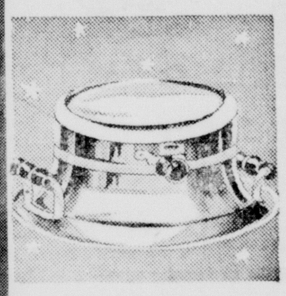

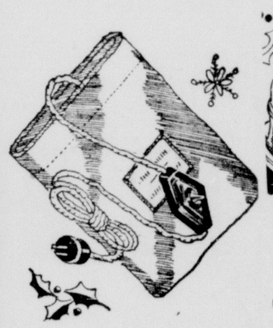

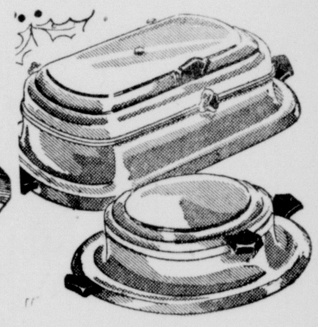

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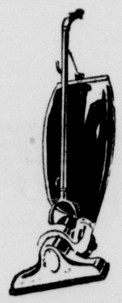

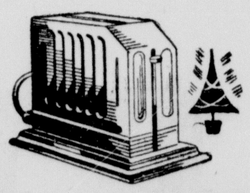

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The P. C. Editor Says:

Davey Blanton arrived from his birthplace near Sikeston on December 17, to become a member of the C. L. Blanton Jr., household and to comfort the three children, Mary Eugenia, Charles and Allen, in the loss of Brownie Blanton, who was killed in an automobile accident. Davey is a mixture of collie and spitz and is quite young but a few months of age will make him into the ideal playmate for three children.

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A gentleman cruising in the Mediterranean wrote home to his son: "I am now standing on the edge of the precipice from which the ancient Spartans flung their defective children; I am sorry you are not with me."—Montreal Star.

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An army wedding does not necessarily mean the display of flags, the drawing of swords and the presenting of arms, but one shot gun in the hands of the right party sometimes binds the ties that makes them man and wife whether they live happily together forever after.

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We asked Bildad Botts, our eminent research expert, what caused so much unrest in prosperous, well-fed America. Reports just turned in by his nationwide organization put the blame on too much research. Thirty-seven million women said they were happy with electric refrigerators they had wheedled their husbands into buying until research artists in factories discovered a way to make refrigerators produce three-cornered cubes instead of square ones. Sixteen million other women said their contentment was complete until milliners discovered ways to make hats look ever funnier than the ones they had been so proud of. Twenty-nine million other people attributed their unhappiness to the sight of neighbors driving around in cars with tail lights an inch higher up. Asked what influence on human contentment medical research was exerting, the old scientist said none at all. Pressed for particulars, he stated that sick people were content to worry along with the same sort of quinine, calomel and vitamens, provided their clothes or ice cubes or car lights were the latest things from style research laboratories. We consider this an important contribution to something or other.—Paris Appeal.

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Congress passed the first patent act on April 10, 1790.

AAA Names 1941 Corn Areas and Allotment Acreages

A commercial corn area for 1941 consisting of 623 counties—just 24 more counties than the former designation—was announced early this week by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard. The allotments within these 623 counties for 1941 amount to a total of 37,300,000 acres.

This total acreage is the same as that for 1940, the difference between the 1941 and 1940 allotments being represented by the acreage alloted to 24 new counties in Eastern States for 1941. This does not mean, however, that all state, county, and individual farm allotments in the 1940 commercial area will remain the same, since state and county allotments reflect trends in corn planting and farm allotments reflect in farming operations.

The commercial corn area includes all counties which have produced an average of at least 450 bushels of corn per farm and four bushels of corn per acre of farm land during the past 10 years. It also includes bordering counties containing townships which meet these sperifications.

State and county corn allotments will be announced in the near future, and individual farm allotments are expected to be distributed by county AAA committees soon after January 1.

The national acreage goal for corn will be the same as the goal of 88 to 90 million acres in 1940. This national goal includes the acreage outside the commercial corn area, where corn is grown largely for home use, plus the allotment in the commercial area where the Nation's commercial corn is normally produced.

In announcing the corn allotment, officials said that the abundant reserve supply of corn in the Ever-Normal Granary, and anticipated higher yields and reduced export outlets for meat products, a 1941 corn acreage equals to that for 1940 will assure ample supplies under any conditions. A reduction in the 1941 acreage undoubtedly would have been recommended under normal conditions, officials said.

The corn carryover on October 1, 1940, is estimated at 701 million bushels, of which approximately 475 million bushels is stored under loan on farms or owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation. This compares with a 10-year (1930-1939) average carryover of 255 million bushels.

In arriving at the allotment, some allowances was made for the steady increase in corn yields that has characterized the last few years. The national average yield for the last four years has been approximately five bushels per acre higher than in the preceding five years. This is attributed to the use of hybrid seed corn and improved machinery and to the retirement of poorer land from corn under the AAA program.

Normal production on the allotment, officials said, will enable farmers to produce fully up to the Nation's present corn needs. Allowance has been made for consumer living standards equal to those of the 1920-29 period, for an adequate emergency reserve, and for the probable effects of the European war on exports of corn and corn-fed animals.

Modernize and Make It Pay . . Here's How

(Above) Unsightly brick and plaster were covered and partitions eercted with three-eighth inch seamless gypsum wallboard to convert a dingy basement corner into this delightfully modern game room. Lined panels of paper placed helter-skelter on three walls and a fourth wall finished in a light tint with cheap and easily applied water-paint give the room a decorative scheme which is at once modern and distinctive.

GUEST ROOM

Linda Whitney is the charming guest (at right) in this smartly styled bedroom wrought from a disused porch. Barren board siding and porch enclosure walls were deftly concealed by an inexpensive overlay of sheetrock wallboard nailed directly over the old wall. While any sort of decoration might as readily have been used, two walls of this room were papered in bold, large pattern and the other two were painted in a solid color to suit the modern motif of the furnishings.

Don't tear the house down if suddenly you've realized it lacks the modern swing. Think a while, your finances may not stand rebuilding or even the cost of building additions. Nor is it very likely you can spare half the living room for a game room or give up the dining room to create an extra extra bedroom.

But you may be over-supplied with waste space in the attic, the basement or a dingy extra porch. With the new materials and methods at hand these days, remodeling is simple. Any builder or family handyman can make rooms just grow—at cost that shouldn't strain any budget.

Question Series Gives Data on Corn Loan Requirements

Questions and Answers printed below represent authoritative information supplied to the papers by the Missouri State AAA Committee cooperating with the New Madrid County Committee:

Question: What is the maximum moisture content that the corn may have and still be eligible for a loan?

Answer: Corn must not contain more than 20½ percent moisture if stored in a crib not wider than the recommended width for the county.

Question: What is the recommended width of cribs in New Madrid County?

Answer: Eight feet.

Question: May corn be sealed in cribs wider than those recommended?

Answer: Yes, provided the maximum content of the corn is reduced 1 per cent for each foot or fraction of a foot that the crib exceeds the recommended width.

Question: What are the other requirements for eligible corn?

Answer: Corn, to be eligible for a loan, must be husked in the ear and must grade No. 3 or better on the basis of a representative sample taken from each crib to be sealed.

Question: How are the contents of a crib of corn computed for the purposes of the corn loan program?

Answer: The contents of the crib are computed on a basis of a bushels for each 2½ cubic feet of corn when the moisture content does not exceed 15½ per cent. If the moisture content exceeds this figure a deduction of 2 per cent from the number of bushels in the crib will be made for every per cent of moisture above 15½. For example: Corn testing 19½ per cent to 20½ per cent will draw a deduction of 10 per cent in quantity. The loan rate does not change.

Cattle and Hog Outlook Improoved, Farmers Are Told

Beef cattle and swine producers met at New Madrid last Monday to be told that the 1941 Outlook is for improved domestic demand for farm products, smaller exports, higher average of prices and a larger total cash income from farm marketing.

Basing its assumptions on the probability that (1) the war will continue through 1941; (2) the U. S. will not become directly involved in war; and (3) that there will be no drastic changes in the present government policy with respect to agriculture, unemployment, and prices, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, headed in Missouri by Gordon B. Nance, formerly County Agent in New Madrid County, estimates that the following conditions will prevail in 1941 compared to 1940.

1. An increase of about 10 per cent in industrial production.
2. An increase of about 9 per cent in employment.
3. An increase of about 13 per cent in the national income, and of about 6 per cent in the farm income.
4. An increase of about 8 per cent in both the general price level and in farm prices.
5. A decrease of about 10 per cent in number of hogs marketed and 10 to 15 per cent increase in selling price of hogs.
6. Cattle prices higher—same for sheep, lambs and wool.
7. Higher prices for poultry and eggs.
8. Slightly higher prices for feed grains.
9. Large supply and curtailed exports of cotton.
10. Increase in prices of farm supplies and labor.

T. A. Ewing, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist followed County Agent Teal's presentation of the Outlook, with a discussion of feeding and breeding problems in beef cattle and hog production. The treating of horses and mules for bot control was also outlined by Mr. Ewing, who pointed out the need for cleaning legs and hair of bot eggs or nits, at least two weeks before treating. If this is done now, said Ewing, using cresol, or diluted kerosene, the capsule treatment to rid horses stomachs of bot grubs can be done with good results within 12 to 14 days. 28 men from 8 townships attended the meeting.

Missouri Demos Discuss Contest

Jefferson City, December 20.—The Democratic state chairman and national committeeman discussed with the elective state officials today the possibility of contesting Forrest C. Donnell's election as Governor.

State Chairman C. M. Hulen said no decision was reached at the meeting, which he termed "just a general discussion." James P. Aylward, Missouri National Committeeman and Hulen's predecessor as state chairman, attended the conference, which was held in the office of Secretary of State Dwight H. Brown.

Others at the meeting were Attorney General Roy McKittrick, Lieutenant Governor Frank Harris, State Treasurer Robert Winn and Treasurer-elect Wilson Bell.

There was Capitol conjecture today over the possibility a legislative contest of Donnell's 3613-vote victory over Lawrence McDaniel might automatically block the inauguration set for January 13. Some observers said if the contest were raised on the Legislature's own motion it would hold up Donnell's certificate of election.

In that event, they said, inauguration plans probably would be delayed because the inauguration—when the oath of office is administered—might be the equivalent of a formal proclamation of election.

DEVIL'S ISLAND CONVICTS BANNED FROM U. S.

Washington, December 20.—Immigration officials have refused to permit 28 prisoners who escaped from the French penal colony at Devil's Island to enter this country, it was learned today.

Informed persons said that the Coast Guard cutter Unalga would proceed to Miami, Fla., early next month to pick up eight of the prisoners and then to Puerto Rico to pick up the remaining 20 and take them to the French Island of Martinique.

The prisoners had worked their way north in small boats after escaping the penal area and sought admission to the United States.

DAUGHTER FROM HOSPITAL

Carolyn Jean Albritton, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Albritton, was returned Sunday in the Albritton ambulance from St. Francis Hospital, where she underwent treatment for scald burns received two weeks ago.

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Farm Bureau Has 368 Members in Madrid County

Three Hundred Sixty-Eight members were enrolled in the Farm Bureau as of December 18, according to J. W. Daugherty, New Madrid County Captain. With many solicitors still to report, the prospect for an enrollment of 500 or more for 1941 is now favorable, says Mr. Daugherty.

Leading townships include Como with 70, West with 54, Anderson with 50, and LaFont and Big Prairie with 44 each, Portage has 26, New Madrid 22, St. John 20, and Lewis has 16.

J. W. LaPlant has boosted St. John Township over the top by turning in enough memberships to equal the original quota of 20. West township needs only six more members to equal its quota of 60, and several other townships are beginning to drag close to the allotment assigned at the campaign work will close on Saturday, December 21, with a few prospects to be seen yet after that date.

The active membership sign up meeting on November 19.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION WITH PLUMBING PAYS

In no department of the household economy are the adages about stitch in time more applicable than to the plumbing system, says Miss Marion Talbot, of the department of household administration of the University of Chicago.

"The two most important things," Miss Talbot declares, "are undoubtedly to start right in the beginning with a simple and efficient drainage system of good materials, well put in, and to keep all fixtures in good condition by proper use and by constant watchful attention.

"The fixtures should not receive any material which is neither soluble in water nor easily divided into small particles by the water. Newspaper scraps in closets, matches, withered flowers, rags, hair, etc., may cause stoppage of the pipes."

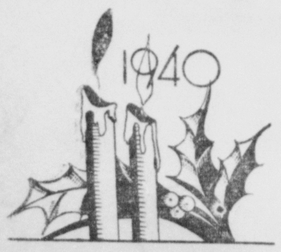
HOSTS TO EMPLOYES OF IMPLEMENT FIRM

Mr. and Mrs W. E. Hedden were hosts at their annual Christmas party for employes of the Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co., Friday night at their home on Ruth Street. The following guests were invited: Mr. and Mrs. Walker Uht, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tetley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Milton, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Duckworth, Miss Hazel Dalman, Tommy Mathis, Miss Marie Marshall and Phillip Caverno.

"My Five Years as a Red Spy in Russia." Edmund Ruzanski, former GPU agent, reveals how the Soviet regime has debased its children and turned them into predatory packs of "homeless ones." Read how these unfortunates have become the "Shame of Russia," in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Chicago Herald-American.

Pensions for widows of the Revolutionary War were paid up to 1932.

CHRISTMAS



Robert A. Dempster
Attorney

For the City of Sikeston
Wishes you a Very

Merry Christmas
Healthy Prosperous
1941

SPECIAL DELIVERY

(A CHRISTMAS STORY)

By Roger Wheeler

EDITH'S drab room overlooked a snow-covered roof. Not the clean, cheery snow like they had back home on the farm but a murky gray covering on which rested soot of a thousand city chimneys.

"So this is Christmas," she moaned, leaving her chair to pace the floor. "Oh! What I'd give to be back home tomorrow!"

But then, Edith had two Christmas presents to which she could look forward. Today, Christmas eve, the mailman MUST bring her annual package from home. And tomorrow there would be Christmas dinner with Ken—dear Ken who was working so hard these days that he could hardly take time off to think about Christmas.

Edith heard the bell ring downstairs and she skipped to her door, opening it softly and waiting tensely while the old landlady, answered.

Yes, it was the mailman! And then came the shrill cry: "Miss Harris! Some mail for you!"

Edith practically leaped downstairs, for there would be her package from home. Then her heart sank, for the landlady handed her only two letters, a greeting card from her friend Margie and (of all things at Christmas!) a bill from the department store.

Edith climbed sorrowfully back to her room and wept. Something was wrong, for Mother and Dad never forgot her at Christmas. She cried spasmodically the rest of the day, while downstairs she heard the other roomers shouting Christmas greetings as they arrived and departed.

But finally Edith consoled herself, for she could still look forward to Christmas dinner with Ken tomorrow!

He was due at two o'clock that day, and after church Edith hurried home to get ready. At 1:30 she was seated restlessly awaiting the doorbell.

She was still waiting at 2:30, for Ken did not arrive. And Edith was getting hungry.

Three o'clock passed, and Edith frowned.

"What could have happened to him?' 'she asked herself.

At four o'clock she cried. It was too much! First her family had forgotten, and now Ken had chosen Christmas day to tell her in this painful fashion that he didn't care!

At 6 p. m. misery began mingling with the pangs of hunger. Edith put on her coat and started to the corner restaurant. But she never got past the door. There she ran into a breathless Ken.

"Edith, dear!" he cried. "Sorry to be so late, but I knew you'd understand when you got my note."

"But—" Edith was confused, "I didn't receive any note, Ken."

"What? But I sent a special delivery message when the boss asked me to finish that laboratory experiment this afternoon. What happened to it?"

The blundering old landlady answered him.

"Please come in or go out, and close the door," she barked from the hall. Then—

"Incidentally, Miss Harris, I forgot to give you these things. They arrived this afternoon."

She handed Edith the missing special delivery letter—and a huge package from home! Edith tore into the Christmas box and found a note from Mother. They'd had a blizzard; couldn't get to town; she hoped Edith would get the package Christmas day.

A few minutes later a happy Edith sat across the table from her Ken in the little restaurant around the corner.

"And now, dear," he began very carefully. "How about your Christmas present for me?"

"But I gave you the fountain pen, Ken," she protested.

"Yes, silly one, and I appreciated it. But if you want to make me still happier, listen to this. The boss came in tonight and said I'd done such a fine job on that research project that he was raising my salary. Know what that means?"

"Not the faintest idea," Edith lied. For, after all, you can't take the words out of a man's mouth when he's about to propose!

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WHEN I WAS A BOY

When I was a boy everybody was on a common level so far as tablecloths were concerned. In the homes of the rich, as in homes of the poor, oil cloth ones were used, white oil cloth with dark blue lines or figures. Children got mighty tired of them, probably because of the peculiar odor oil cloth never seemd to be without.

The matter of spilling or dropping things on the tablecloth was not so serious then as now, for after every meal all the dishes would be taken off and the cloth gone over with the wet dishrag, thus removing everything which marred its surface.

Eventually, linen tablecloths came on the market. All those who had wealth or social ambitions bought at least one. The poorer families, including ours, soon began to feel that life was not worth living without a red tablecloth, so my mother bought one. Like other families, however, we used that red tablecloth only on big occasions. Always before the company came there was a lecture on tablecloth etiquette, coupled with warnings about dropping butter, gravy or anything else on the fine, clean, stiffly starched one that was about to be placed at our mercy. Nine times out of ten the red tablecloth got the worst of it. The culprits who overturned their coffee or soup or gravy or vegetables, which some of us usually did in our nervous efforts to be careful, were very unpopular and given lowbrow ratings for days to come, as ma and the girls used much store soap in tubbing it and much starch and elbow grease in restoring it to its original condition.

Just as we finally got used too the red tablecloth a local family of wealth and social prestige astonished the natives and moved table etiquette to another standard by introducing napkins to match the red tablecloth. This was roundly condemned as a sissy innovation by all the poorer families. Men and boys swore by all that was holy they would never tolerate such useless and frivolous things.

But they didn't reckon with ma and the girls. In due time every household which made any pretentions to respectability had a set of red napkins. As with the tablecloths, they were reserved for high company occasions, as a preliminary to which pa and the boys would be duly warned against making fool remarks or failure to use the little squares. Everybody tucked the napkin into the neck of dress or shirt, the idea being to have something besides clothes to catch whatever fell while being lifted to the mouth or which could be listed under the head of overflow. Most of the men of that day wore whiskers. The red napkin formed an artistic background for the shorter and thinner ones.

Another evil followed in the wake of the red tablecloth and the red napkin. It was fashion's decree against eating with the knife. Tsis caused more wicked remarks from the men and more weeping from wives and daughters who wanted to ktep up witn the procession than any other evil incident to the progress of etiquette during that era. Pa and the boys in every household not only denounced it as a fool and frivolous society innovation but argued that eating with a fork was an impossibility. Everywhere mothers and daughters demonstrated how to do it and argued that it really was easier to transfer elusive things like peas and beans to the mouth with a fork than with a knife. Gradually, and with more grumbling, the men and boys yielded to feminine tongues and tears and the fork came into fairly common use for everything except pie. Here the obstinate ones took their stand and denied all the women in creation to drive them from it. They got away with it, too, until company came, on which orrasion Ma and the girls insisted on serving pie and on clearing the table of all tools except the forks. Between warning glances from the women and a choice between eating that pie with a fork or not eating it at all, the men gradually fell victims to feminine strategy and did the best they could with the fork.

I recall with interest that the custom of eating pie with a fork still had a good deal of masculine oppoosition when the late Ad Deaver was first elected collector of Monroe County. As was the practice at that time, the collector visited every town and village for the convenience of the people. The Paris editors always accompanied him in search of business and news. At nearly every stop they were invited to big dinners in local homes, in most of which the pie was served with only a fork. Always Mr. Deaves would ask for a knife and lates would tell the eritors that the women did not live who sohld pht sissy stuff like that over on him. He got along very well until he and the editors were invited to dinner at the Dingle home out at Tulip. Mrs. Dingle had table linens, dhina, lutglass and silver that would have been a credit to the White House, and was a most lovely and gracious hostess. It soon became apparent that she had Deaver at her mercy and the editors watched with interest for what would happen when the pie and fork rourse was reached. After casting one helpless, appealing glance towards the smiling hostess, he picked op his fork and did his duty. Later in the day he acknowledged that he had done wrong and wondered if he ever would live it down.

But table etiquette did not end with masculine surrender to red tablecloths, red napkins and the practice of eating with the fork. The worst was yet to come. It was Scciety's decree against drinking coffee from the saucer. No war or rumor of war ever caused so much rebellious talk among the men but, as with other fads on which ma and the girls had set their hearts, the cherished practice and time-honored custom of drinking coffee from the saucer was gradually given up by most of the men. As with eating peas with a knife there was real art and skill in the handling of a saucer that was full of coffee.

The blow which about killed father and the boys was the one ma and the girls administered with the finger bowl. The men won at least a partial victory by first humiliating the womenfolk by drinking all the water out of the fingerbowl. A compromise finally was reached by the terms of which the pesky thing was only to be started around the table when company of the highest social standing was being entertaintd.—Jack Blanton in Paris Appeal.

Last year, 592 horse-drawn carriages, buggies and sulkies were manufactured in the United States. Also 30,720 horse-drawn farm wagons and trucks were built.

Merry Christmas

Soft cotton toys with chenille outer coats make an ideal Cotton Christmas gift for the small child. This Scotty dog and big teddy bear, are so made that a child may cuddle them without danger from sharp points or hard surfaces.

A Friendly Greeting
TO YOU
Our Friends and Customers

It's the Season to be friendly, Happy, and contented . . . may this be your experience this Christmas and every Christmas.

The Vogue Beauty Shop
Mrs. Gladys Reed
Florence Withrow, Edna Mae Reed

CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

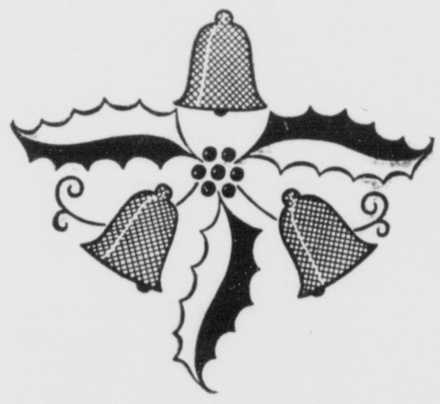
Treasured

Above all other things in our memory at this Christmas is the thought of the splendid associations with friends of this institution that have made it possible for us to enjoy a very satisfactory year.

Please accept the kind wishes of every member of our organization for a joyous Yuletide and a New Year of Health and Progress.

R. D. CLAYTON
"The Mule Man"

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

. . . The best for you and yours is the sincere wish of every member of this firm. Our Christmas present has already been received . . . your fine patronage all year and during the Holiday Season has made us happy at Christmas time. So, please accept our thanks along with this Greeting.

AND BEST WISHES FOR

A Happy New Year

F. & M. OIL CO.

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Questions and Answers

Q. How are FHA insured-mortgage loans repaid?

A. In monthly installments. The size of the payment and the length of repayment time depend to some extent on how much the borrower can afford to pay regularly out of income.

Q. When must an application be made for an FHA insured-mortgage loan?

A. The application must be submitted and plans approved before construction is started.

Q. Should there be any special difference in plan between houses built in a northern or southern climate?

A. In the North houses are usually built with a compact plan which makes them more easily and economically heated in Winter weather. Living rooms should be located to receive as much sunlight as possible, and protection should be provided against cold Winter winds by means of buildings, trees, or storm sash. In the South cross-ventilation is more important for comfort than economy in heating. A compact plan is less essential, and houses should be designed located to take advantage of the prevailing Summer winds. Protection from the sun may be obtained through the use of trees, window blends, awnings, or other means.

HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT PLUMBING?

How much do you know about plumbing? There are many interesting facts about this important industry that are unknown to the average person.

For instance, did you know:

That the word "plumber" comes from the Latin word "plumbarius" which means a worker in lead? Rome had its plumbers for its great public baths as well as for the installation of running water systems in private houses. Practically every house that has been excavated at the site of Herculaneum and Pompeii had running water.

That green is the most popular color for the modern bathroom and that the sales of colored plumbing fixtures have increased over 200 per cent in the last two years.

That there are nearly 300 feet of concealed piping in the walls and under the floors of the average two-story house?

That the cost of an additional or second bathroom for a new house is less than the cost of the first bathroom? This is due to the fact that there has to be a certain amount of piping in the house anyway whether there is one bathroom or a dozen.

That a house with two bathrooms is more salable than a house with one bathroom, and that some banks will not lend money on houses with only one bathroom?

That chromium which is used to plate faucets, traps, shower heads, etc., is 65 per cent as hard as the point of a diamond?

That an enamel of flint-like hardness has been developed which is acid-resisting? Ordinary enamel is damaged by the acids gsounds, potato pelings, etc., but acid-resisting enamel will retain its original gloss and finish almost indefinitely.

That the newest sinks are made with a metal stopper which holds the water in the deep eight-inch compartment so that it is no longer necessary to use a dishpan?

That most leaks in faucets are caused by water-cutting of the faucet seat? Water-cutting results from failure to turn the faucet far enough to prevent dripping.

That rooms in the house in that it is the one room which is almost completely furnished and ready to use when a family moves into a new hoose?

That the shower bath has been called the modern Fountain of Youth because of its invigorating effort?

That the plumber doesn't forget his tools, but sometimes has to go back because the customer was unable to clearly explain what was wrong?

That the completely equipped plumbing shop contains more than 300 tools, valves, fittings, etc. all ready for emergency repairs?

That with the advent of plumbing fixtures in color, the bathroom has become the most beautiful and distinctive room in many new houses?

A SMALL AD

But the sentiment we are trying to express in it is a large quantity, for we wish every one of our hundreds of customer-friends a very merry Christmas.

Rustic Rock Inn

Rendezvous by X

HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had

Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wracked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve.

"Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?"

Peter fumbled with his grease-stained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later.

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the car move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

After awhile he fell asleep.

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CONTEST NOT DECIDED

So far as we have been able to learn the Democratic state committee has not yet definitely decided whether to contest the election of Forrest Donnell, Republican, as governor of Missouri. On the face of the returns Donnell was elected over Lawrence McDaniel by a majority of 3613 in a vote of over 1,800,000. Harry S. Truman was elected to the United States senate by about 45,000, and all other Democrats on the state ticket were elected by majorities ranging from 50,000 to more than 100,000.

The results indicates that the Republican party concentrated on the governorship, and much of the huge sum spent by the G. O. P. in Missouri undoubtedly was used in an effort to defeat McDaniel. The Democratic state committee has uncovered reports of irregularities in many counties and has an imposing array of evidence to lay before the legislature in the proposed contest.

The Hatch act was successful only in preventing Democratic federal officeholders from taking any active part in a campaign in which they were vitally interested. The amendment to the Hatch act purporting to prohibit individual campaign contributions of more than $5000, which was adopted by congress last July, proved to be a colossal joke. It was easily circumvented by rich Republicans using other members of their family as dummies in making contributions to the Republican campaign fund. Also the limit of $5000 was construed as not applying to contributions made to state or local committees.

Taking advantage of the law's weakness, the Republican organization in Missouri received $22,000 from the family of John Pew, Republican leader of Pennsylvania, and $19,875 from the family of Bertram B. Culver of St. Louis, president of the Wrought Iron Range Company. Each contribution in the name of a member of these families was less than $5000. Edgar M. Queeny, president of the Monsanto Chemical Company was shown by the reports to have contributed $5250 in two contributions and his wife gave $1000.

It is said the Democrats have also discovered evidence showing several counties as polling too many votes in proportion to their population. A widespread distribution of money could easily account for this. At any rate whatever evidence of fraud the Democratic committee has compiled should be reported to the state legislature for whatever action may be deemed necessary. — Missouri Democrat.

It's Delightful - Delovely -- Divinity!

YOU'LL think you're in heaven when you taste this made-to-Christmas-order candy, fitten food for angels and poor mortals alike. Coffee lends its flavor to this out-of-the-ordinary divinity, and the result is out of this world. Clip this recipe, by all means, for a holiday candy that approaches immortality:

Coffee Divinity

2 cups sugar
1 cup double-strength, freshly-made coffee
½ cup white corn syrup
¼ teaspoon salt
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
⅔ cup chopped nutmeats

Combine sugar, coffee and corn syrup in a saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking without stirring until a firm ball is formed when a small amount is dropped in cold water or (265° F.) registers on the candy thermometer. Remove from heat. Add salt to egg whites and beat until stiff, slowly add coffee syrup beating constantly. Continue beating until candy will hold its shape. Add vanilla and chopped nutmeats. Drop from spoonfuls onto waxed paper or turn into an oiled pan and cut into squares. Makes 1¼ pounds.

To Discuss Pasture Improvment at Soils-Crop Meet

The production and proper utilization of both permanent and supplementary pastures in a balanced pasture system will be discussed at this year's Soils and Crops Conference at New Madrid on January 9 says Arline Avery Chairman of the County Soils and Crops Conference Committee. Mr. Avery says that since thousands of acres in New Madrid County are devoted to pasture, and since pasture furnishes the cheapest livestock feed, and conserves soil better than cultivated crops, the committee in charge of arrangements for this conference feels this is a timely topic. An example of how good returns may be secured from pasture farming and the use of legume crops is seen in the experience of Ralph Hubbard, Lilbourn, Route 1. Mr. Hubbard finds he can produce beef and pork through the efficient use of a good pasture system and at the same time reduce the amount of labor required per unit of production, and leave his land in a much higher state of fertility. Mr. Hubbard has been asked to give a report on what pasturing means to him, at the Soils and Crops Conference at New Madrid on January 9. Other methods of handling crops adapted to the farms in New Madrid county, so as to produce a maximum amount of pasture and return on livestock during the year, will also be discussed.

IT'S UP TO THE DEMOCRATIC SOLONS

The Sixty-first General Assembly of Missouri, which will convene in Jefferson City in January, will be one of the most important legislative sessions in state annals. Confronted with the giant task of revising old and enacting new legislation, in addition to the transaction of routine duties, the forthcoming biennial meeting bids fair to be a lengthy, exacting and somewhat trying event.

As in recent years, the 1941 Legislature will be decisively Democratic. The dominant party will have 85 out of the 150 seats in the House and at least 28 out of the 34 seats in the Senate. Whatever legislation is enacted, will be written upon the statute books by Democratic consent. Whatever legislation is defeated, will be relegated to the grave because of Democratic disapproval.

In simple language, the good emanting from the approaching Assembly will be of everlasting credit to the Democratic Party, while responsibility for the evil will justly be deposited at its door. The opportunity for marked party advancement by real and honest service rests with the Democratic solons, but accompanying that responsibility is an equal one for placing the party in a most unfavorable and discreditable position by the enactment of unnecessary, unimportant and ruinous legislation.

One of the most necessary happenings in order to recommend the Democratic Party to the voters two years from now is a very successful, industrious, economic and harmonious session of the Legislature convening in January. If the session is devoted to the economical passage of wise legislation, and if the various Democratic branches of the State Government work in unison for the common good, then great will be the glory which redound to the Democratic Party. But if the session is marked by extravagance, procrastination, bickering and jealously, and few achievements, then the Legislature will prove a costly liability to the Democratic Party, and the party will be held liable for its shortcomings in 1942.

If there ever was a time when Missouri needed a judicious, trustworthy and beneficial Legislature it is now. All loyal Democrats, within and without the Assembly, are honor bound to strive for that attainment.

SGT. DACE SUBSTITUTING IN TROOP E COMMAND

Sgt. Melvin Dace of Sikeston is in charge of Troop E of the State Patrol, at the Poplar Bluff headquarters, for the two weeks until the first of the year while Troop Sgt. O. L. Wallis is on vacation. Sgt. Wallis was placed in command of the troop when Capt. A. D. Sheppard was made acting superintendent in Jefferson City.

On a very hot day, the air is not as dense as on a cool day.

JOY TO YOU

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At Christmas

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May all the joy that it is possible for this season to bestow upon you be yours at this gladsome time! And may you enjoy prosperity in the coming year!

Powder Buff Beauty Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

It Was 51 Years Ago

That we first said "Merry Christmas" to our friends in this community. Each year it has given us greater pleasure, because each year has seen new additions to our list of friends and customers.

Today, as on our first Christmas here, we are glad of the privilege to send Season's Greetings to each of you. Today, as every year before this, we sincerely wish for you and yours a new year that will mean continued happiness and prosperity.

May new pleasures and joys be yours.

Scott County Milling Co.

Millers of Juanita Flour
Manufacturers of Gristo Feeds

This Christmas and Every Christmas

We look forward to sending you our sincere good wishes for a happy Holiday. It is a pleasure to us because it gives us an opportunity to thank you for all you have done for this firm.

Your have been liberal in your patronage, your friendship and good will—the combination of which spells progress for any organization.

You have been good to us—may Santa be just as good to you.

Happy New Year !!

The Owner and Employees of

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Different Light for Different Needs

We turn indoors now for many of our pleasures as well as our everyday living; and light, artificial light, becomes very important.

Light is a fascinating subject as it may make or mar the beauty of your house; clothe you in beauty or—awful thought—bring out your defects; be a comfort to your eyes, or be harmful to your eyes. So let's discuss the different uses you should make in light by classifying them to suit your needs. There is Light for Conversation, Light for Reading and Sewing, Light for Dining, Light for Writing and Study, Light for Games, Light for Dressing. Today let's take the first three beginning with:

LIGHT FOR CONVERSATION

When you are talking with friends, or listening to the radio, you obviously only need enough light to make your surroundings pleasant and cheerful. For this you require what is known as general illumination—given by indirect lighting, by the right kind of sidelights supplemented by some

Note light will fall on your book

lamps, or entirely by lamps, judiciously placed at different points in the room. Use what amounts to 125 watts to 150 watts distributed around the room: two 60 watts in a lamp near chair (only turned on), two 25 watts in sidelight of ceiling fixture (both turned on), and a couple of 40 or 60 watts in other lamps.

LIGHT FOR READING

Do you have good reading lamps in your living room, conveniently near the comfortable chairs and sofa where you and your family sit and read? Or do you have to move your chair or yourself to the one good lamp in the room? Sit in each chair and sofa and make notes as to whether the light in each spot is adequate or not. If it isn't you are depriving yourself and your family of comfortable relaxation and are taxing that most valuable possession—your eyesight. A reading lamp for the table should be 23 inches high and should contain two 60 watt bulbs. Or use floor or table I. E. S. lamps with the broad shade and inner bowl which throws light both to ceiling and on the book without glare. In such lamps if they have the 100, 200 and 300 watt type of bulb, you can turn the switch up for reading and down for general illumination.

LIGHT FOR DINING

For dining, as for conversation, a pleasant diffused light is desirable. Use one of the indirect lighting fixtures which throw the light to the ceiling and allow only a soft glow to fall upon the table, and your eyes. Or, in a period room, a chandelier with candle bulbs.

For direct light on the table nothing is so pretty or attractive as two or four candles. In small houses with wide opening from living room to dining room there is often sufficient "general illumination" from the living room and only candles are needed on the table.

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BEST WISHES

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CHRISTMAS

and the

NEW YEAR

CITY COAL CO.

Ralph Loebe

Moving Day Nears For Stark

Jefferson City, December 21.—Packing boxes dotted the spacious rooms of Missouri's executive mansion.

Shipping tags for Louisiana, Mo., dangled from personal odds and ends.

In moments snatched from business, Gov. Lloyd C. Stark was just another householder this week, occupied with the tedious details of an approaching moving day.

Thus, in typical, well ordered hustle and bustle, neared the close of the most turbulent era in Missouri's recent Statehouse history.

TAKING OLD JOB

The businessman Governor who came out of Pike County four years ago to sow a whirlwind in Missouri's politics will return next month to the ranks of private enterprise. He is going home to take up an old job—chariman of the board of Stark Brothers' Nurseries.

Behind him he leaves the scattered remnants of a once-powerful machine that ran the state when he took office. He gives way to a Republican successor. He leaves a divided Democratic party of shrunken majorities. He leaves close friends—and some of the most bitter enemies any man ever made.

What does Stark think of it?

He ignores these things when he talks of his term of office. He regards the State Cancer Hospital at Columbia, Mo., as the outstanding achievement of his administration.

And what of the future.

APPARENTLY THROUGH

To outward appearance he seems through with politics—a word he never liked attached to his administration anyway.

"I'm going back into business," the retiring Governor said. "We're building a new home in Louisiana. I'm going back to work at the nurseries."

But rumors range the state that 1944 may find him back in the thick of the political wars. Many veteran Democrats confidently expect him to bid for the Senate seat of his one-time neighbor—now his worst political enemy—Senator Bennett Champ Clark.

Stark isn't talking of politics in these dying days of his administration. Nothing could be more anticlimactic than the close of his four-year term. Gone are the zip and crackle of his fight with Clark, with T. J. Pendergast and Senator Harry Truman.

Those who have seen him almost daily wonder if the years in the executive office have not mellowed Stark—a reserved, formal and aloof personality when he took office.

DISLIKE OF POLITICIANS

Apparently he will close his administration with the characteristics which brought him the cordial dislike of many politicians. He still works behind closed doors, meeting most visitors only through the appointment calendar of a secretary. He will leave Jefferson City almost as much a stranger to the Capitol corridors as he was the day he arrived.

But there have been changes. Reporters known that his press conferences are more relaxed and personal than they were at the outset. His conversation is easier. He is more readily available "after the office closes"—those evening hours when he once was almost beyond reach.

Much of the cold, methodical precision he brought to the executive offices has vanished in the twilight of the Stark regime.

Ford to Get Contract Despite Hillman Cry

Washington, Dec. 20.—The War Department has decided to override the recent heated objections of Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman and sign a $4,000,000 contract with the Ford Motor Co. for the manufacture of "pigmy trucks" authoritative Army sources disclosed Friday.

In doing so, the department will set down a far-reaching policy in regard to the defense program—that Government procurement agents are interested solely in obtaining material and not in passing judgment on any other issues.

Mr. Hillman demanded that the contract be rescinded, charging that the Ford Company had not lived up to labor regulations.

In overruling him, defense officials in effect held that whether the company had violated any labor laws was a question for the Departments of Justice or Labor or the courts to decide.

MARY EMMA ALLEN IS PARTY HONOREE

Miss Mary Frances Smith was hostess at a bunking party Friday night after the Red Pepper's dance, honoring Miss Mary Emma Allen, a student at Stephens College, Columbia, who is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents here. Tht guests were Misses Rosemary Putnam, Mary Ann Lankford, Betty Ruth Limbaugh, Betty Jane Taylor, Caroline Weltecke, Mary Emma Donnell, Ann Draughon and the honoree.

Ham & Eggs for Christmas

BY RAY PARKS

FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's grilled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-by to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're comin'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind if I use your 'phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite wor-

"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

ried. Something was on his mind.

"Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

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Beginning of the New Year

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

The Standard $2 per year.

Hearty Young Appetites Demand Nourishing Food

"What? Hungry again!" Ravenous in the morning, hungry at noon, and empty as the bottom less pit at night! That's the problem every mother of growing children has to face. What to feed them and how much is a matter of real importance. First of all foods should be simplt and not too rich, there should be a plentiful supply of fresh vegetables, meat, fruits and simple desserts—with milk a major part of daily diet.

Breakfast should be substantial—particularly in cold weather so that energetic young bodies will have fuel enough to last till the noon meal. It should include fruit, a cereal, eggs and toast, and milk or hot cocoa.

Luncheon should consist of at least one hot dish—it makes the meal more interesting and attractive; it seems to improve indigestion, or least encourage eating all of the lunch and eating it less hastily. Better fed the children respond better to teaching, show improved deportment and a general increase in vitality. The hot dish might be a mixed vegetable soup, a stew or fish chowder with a milk pudding for dessert. Many mothers disapprove of the between meal snack—but if the proper food is offered after school to fill the aching void until dinner—there seems no reason for withholding it. Bread and butter and a glass of milk or a cookie or two are certain to be welcome. However, the reaction of the individual child to between meal "pickups" should determine whether or not the habit is a healthful one to follow.

Dinner may be a most attractive meal if such dishes as the following are featured. They are easy to prepare, economical and nutritious.

CREAM OF CARROT SOUP

Prepare enough tender young carrots to make two cups of small cubes. Cover with enough water to boil gently until tender. Add one medium size onion, two tablespoons of butter, one-half cup dried bread crumbs, three cups bouillion (meat or chicken), one teaspoon salt, one tablespoon sugar, one cup top milk or cream. Cook the onion slowly in the butter for five minutes. Add the crumbs and boullion, the liquid off the carrots, salt and sugar and simer 20 minutes. Add carrots and cream. Reheat to boiling.

LIVER EN CASSEROLE

One pound calf or beef liver (cut thick) 2 large onions, ½ green pepper, 1 stalk celery. Cut liver in cubes. Dice onions. Heat bacon grease in pan, add liver and onions and sear. Then put in casserole. Add green pepper and celery. Now pour a can of tomato soup over all and add 1 can of water. Season to taste. Bake for 30 minutes.

Sikeston Standard, $2.00 per year.

Let's Have Muffins

The method of mixing all kinds of muffins is the same—dry ingredients sifted together first, the egg beaten until foamy and mixed with the milk and melted fat; and this liquid mixture added to the dry ingredients and beaten vigorously until they are just moistened. Do not try to make a muffin batter smooth. If fruits or nuts are to be added, save a tablespoon or two of the flour to coat them with. Cranberries are rolled in sugar first Mix a muffin batter as quickly as possible and void overstirring, as that causes the muffins to have peaks and tunnels. Warm the muffin pans a little and they will be easier to grease.

To be at their best muffins should be timed so they can be served as soon as they are baked. If you have any cold muffins left, they can be split, buttered, and toasted for another meal. Bake muffins in a hot oven for 20 to 30 minutes, depending on the size of the muffin.

PLAIN MUFFINS

2 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon sugar, if desired
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 to 4 tablespoons melted butter or other fat.

GRAHAM MUFFINS

1½ cups unsifted graham flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon melted fat.

OATMEAL MUFFINS

1 cup fine rolled oats
1 cup sifted flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon melted fat

CRANBERRY MUFFINS

1 cup cranberries
2 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoons baning powder
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
¾ cup milk
4 tablespoons of melted butter or other fat

Roll the cranberries in two extra tablespoons of sugar and fold into the batter. Do not stir the mixture any more than necessary.

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To Our Multitude of Friends and Patrons

GREETINGS

We are caught up in this great inspiring, helpful spirit of the Yuletide season. It is our wish that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you through the days and weeks and months of the New Year.

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Because of your fine loyalty to this business since we have been open we send this word of Greeting for Christmas and the New Year and wish here also to express our sincere thanks and lasting gratitude to each of you

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★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

The vertical stripes on the red jacket, the flexible bumper belt, and the hub-cap bag are all suggested by the Mercury Sedan, seen in background. Skirt is gray. The outfit was designed by E. T. Gregorie, of the Ford Motor Co. designing department, and is a highlight of the November issue.

Missouri Melange

Ice skaters of Liberty will be given an opportunity to more thoroughly enjoy this winter sport says the Advance in announcing city council cooperation in the flooding of a playground for that purpose. The city will furnish men and equipment and the water board will provide the water.

Frank L. Martin, Jr., son of Dean and Mrs. Frank Martin of Columbia has been named head of the Associated Press bureau at Hanoi, capitol of French Indo-China, according to the Tribune. Mr. Martin is enroute from Shanghai to his new post. He has been doing newspaper work for the Associated Press in the Orient for one year.

Distribution of pictorial stamps to promote tourist travel in Missouri has been approved by the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce tourist travel committee says R. A. Johnston Chairman, of Boonville. Fifty places of interest in Missouri noted for scenic and historical interest will be used. The stamps are part of a nine-point program to promote tourist trade and travel in Missouri.

Home grown tomatoes in December, were recently enjoyed by Editor S. S. Ball and family of the Kahoka Gazette-Herald who reports the contribution of two clusters of ripe tomatoes—one red and one yellow—each right off the vine.

A mule-footed hog is wanted by the Versailles Leader to fill a request from "Smoky" Bartram of the Morgan County Fair Board. Mr. Bartram has an order for such an animal and solicited the assistance of the Leader in locating one.

James Calvert, who sold the Dexter Messenger to E. P. Lewis and brothers in September, has purchased the Madison County Press in Fredericktown.

War on hawks is being waged by Macon county sportsmen, disgruntled by scarcity of quail, who recently contributed $68 to a bounty found. Henry Edwards, Bevier, president of the Macon County Conservation Federation heads the organization, which will pay twenty-cents per dead hawk delivered to the association.

Warrensburg has a new musical organization, the "Legion Chanters" directed by L. L. DesCombes says the Star-Journal, and their recent performance gave satisfaction and pleasure. Dr. Ellis said by way of introduction "If they can sing as well as they can fight, it will be worth listening to", and with additional training the Legion Chanters are bound to make good and be a community asset as a male chorus.

Twelve thousand trees have been ordered through the extension office by Mrs. Frank V. Van Horne and E. P. Coleman, Jr. of Sikeston and Anton Schaefer of Chaffee. With inclusion of tree planting as soil building practice under the agricultural conservation program, each farm is entitled to earn $15 soil building allowance.

A new short wave station belonging to Culver-Stockton College is on the air according to the Canton Record. The new station operates on the 160 meter and 10 meter bands.

Three thousand acres of land near Tribune, in Pulaski county has been purchased by the forestry service as a site for camp buildings of the proposed army training unit, according to forestry supervisor, James M. Diehl of Springfield. The land is in the Gasconade unit of Mark Twain national forest. Initial contracts totaling $8,428,670 have been let for camp building construction.

A contract for the erection of 185 miles of rural electrification lines in Newton, McDonald, Jasper and Barry counties has been awarded by the New-Mac REA Co-operative to the Hufford-Mosley company of Kansas City, reports the Cassville Democrat. Work on the 185 miles of electric lines probably will start about January 1. A major portion of the system will be in Newton and McDonald counties, but at several points the lines will extend into Jasper and Barry counties.

A Burglar for Christmas

by Roland Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gush of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slippered feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grrummph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero

Jack reached for the telephone himself.

son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling, "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily.

"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a $500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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'Kissing Bandit' Given Parole

Jefferson City, Dec. 20.—Edna Murray, the Kansas City "Kissing bandit" who helped break up the Barker, Karpis and Dillinger gangs of midwestern desperadoes, was paroled from state prison today by Gov. Lloyd C. Stark. Hers was one of thirty-three Christmas paroles issued by the governor.

Mrs. Murray, now 41, four times married and three times a fugitive from the prison, had served fifteen years of a twenty-five year sentence for robbery. Two years had been tacked on to the sentence as results of the escapes.

Two reasons for the parole were cited in the papers. They were a federal recommendation of favorable action on the parole because of her "valuable testimony and assistance" and "strong indications that Ruth Singer was the real offender." Ruth Singer was not identified.

Mrs. Murray, who earned the "kissing bandit" label when she is reported to have planted a kiss on a robbery vicim, was taken from Missouri penitentiary four times for long periods to testify for the government in federal trials against gangsters.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES

A person who speaks often of what a fool he used to be hasn't changed as much as he thinks he has.

A woman can persuade a man to do almost anything for her if she doesn't tell him it is his duty to do it.

It may be that Chinese deserve some of their hard luck. They invented gunpowder, printing and civilization.

In these days and times a person who is wise will expect anything to happen, and then prepares for something worse than that.

Home study for school pupils is highly to be recommended, provided their parents do not try to help them. It is unwholesome psychologically for children to learn early in life how little their parents know.

Devil's Isle Escapees Renew Plea to U.S.

Miami, Fla., December 21.—Facing deportation next month to Martinique and fearful of death before a firing squad, seven escapees from France's Devil's Island Prison renewed their pleas today for freedom and a chance to fight in the forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The men, with a companion who is in the United States Hospital at Key West, made their way to Miami August 24 in a 30-foot sloop after a perilous voyage through the Caribbean. They have been held in Dade County Jail.

Yesterday they received the news that the Coast Guard cutter Unalga would take them some time in January, with 20 other escaped prisoners now in Puerto Rico, back to French-controlled Martinique.

"We are being sent to our deaths by a firing squad," said Jean Touzin, 43, of Vichy, a veteran of the French world war navy.

"We didn't intend to enter the United States. We were arrested and held here. And now the United States in sending us to sure death."

If they are freed the men have promised to enlist with De Gaulle's "Free French" forces or with the British.

It is estimated that business use of passenger cars exceeded 140,000,000 miles in 1939.

REMAINS FOUND OF ANIMALS ALIVE 70,000,000 YEARS AGO

New York Dec. 21.—Remains of crocodiles as big as dinosaurs and other gigantic creatures that infested the Big Bend area of Texas 70,000,000 years ago have arrived at the American Museum of Natural Histony, the museum announced today.

Dr. Barnum Brown, leader of the American Museum-Sinclair Dinosaur expedition of 1940, said he collected 22 tons of specimens which "will enable scientists to clarify the geology of the region and give a more complete picture of the prehistoric life in North America doring the age of reptiles."

Toland T. Bird of the American Museum, another member of the expedition, uncovered a trail of sauropod footprints 80 miles southwest fo Fost Wosth, Tex., believed to be the fist on secord.

TAKEN TO HOME

Mrs. Ralph McElroy and infant daughter were taken to the McElroy residence on Malone Avenue Friday in the Albritton ambulance.

The South American capybara is the world's largest rodent. It reaches a length of four feet.

And Best Wishes For the Merriest Kind of a Holiday Season to All

"JEFF" S. SUTTERFIELD
Architect

christmas greetings

We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months.

THE PEOPLES STORE
Nathan Yoffie

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide by extending to you our sincere wishes for a *Happy Christmas*. And our optimistic predictions of a *Prosperous New Year*.

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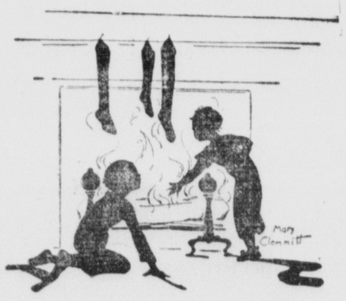
Harvey Blackburn
At Dye Service Station and Employees

Hang Up Your Stocking

And we'll fill it full of good wishes for each of you. Your good will during the past has enabled us to enjoy a record year and we are indeed very grateful.
Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you. May the New Year be filled with joy and prosperity.



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And the more we value friendship the more we value Christmas because it is the birthday of a spirit which can only lead to friendship among all who acquire it completely. A spirit of absolute sincerity—of absolute fairness. An uncritical spirit that searches for the beam in its own eye before it tries to locate the mote that may be in the other fellow's. A spirit of sympathy that never turns a deaf ear to other people's troubles—if they're real. A spirit of tolerance that renders unto Caesar whatever is his due. A spirit that abhors the showy type of holiness and judges the worth of other men by what they do and not by the poses they assume. A democratic spirit that makes friends of kindred spirits regardless of their calling or their rank. The value of Christmas lies in its recurrent reminder of this spirit as overpowering problems that beset the race today except in the adoption of that spirit by men of high and low degree, of every race on earth.

Which is just as large an order for ourselves as it is for any other creature. But whether or not our dealings with you have seemed to exemplify that spirit, our friendship has been genuine and we want you to know it. We thank you for your own friendly acts of the past year and wish you all happiness throughout the years to come. May 1941 be a year of pleasure and prosperity—the most worthwhile date in your experience.

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Twittys Honored at Plant-to-Prosper Rally in Memphis

Cash prizes of $100 for being Missouri winners in the 1940 Plant to Prosper contest in the tenant division, and $25.00 for first in the state in Home Improvement were presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Twitty, Lilbourn, at the Rally in Memphis last Tuesday, sponsored by the Commercial Appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Eiceman, Marston, county winner in the landowner division, and the Twittys also received honor certificates, for placing first in the county contest.

Miss Amy Kelly, State Home Demonstration Agent, and C. C. Hearne, State Extension Agent presented certificates and awards to Missouri winners.

Contestants and friends from four states, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi gathered 800 strong in Ellis Auditorium Tuesday morning to hear inspiring addresses by authorities of national importance. A luncheon at noon, Livestock Forum in the afternoon and the banquet at night rounded out a full day.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Twitty, and Mr. and Mrs. Eiceman were Marietta Twitty, Dicky Twitty, Harold Sloas, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sprenger, Commerce, third prize state winners, and County Agent Paul H. Teal.

Plum Pudding and Fruit Cakes Favorites

Now is the time to prepare your fruit cakes and plum puddings for the holidays. And here are recipes to assure the success of your efforts.

BAKED PLUM PUDDING

3 eggs
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon allspice
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1-3 cup molasses
3 tablespoons melted butter
2 cups milk
9 graham crackers, crumbled
1 cup raisins

Beat eggs, add other ingredients. Mis crumbled crackers with raisins and combine with first mixture. Bake in a moderate oven 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with hard sauce.

CASSEROLE FRUIT CAKE

1 cup dried apricots
¾ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
4 eggs, separated
1 cup seedless raisins
1-3 cup slivered candied cherries
1-3 cup candied orange peel
1-3 cup sliced citron
1-3 cup slivered almonds
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda

Cover apricots with cold water and boil one minute. Drain and slice coarsely. Then beat the shortening, sugar, egg yolks together until light. Stir in raisins and fruits. Sift flour, salt and soda. Add alternately with stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into well-greased casserole. Cover it. Bake in a very slow over 2 hours or longer.

FRUIT CAKE

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon each of nutmeg, allspice and cloves
½ cup orange juice
1 pkg. pitted dates
½ pound almonds (whole)
5 eggs
½pound candied cherries
½pound pecans (whole)
1 pound white raisins
¼ pound puffed raisins
½ pound candied pineapple
¾ pound citron
¼ pound orange and lemon peel, mixed
1 small glass cherry or grape jelly

Dredge fruit with the ½ cup flour. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs and beat thoroughly. Add dry ingredients alternately with orange juice and jelly. Combine with fruit. Turn into a well greased tube pan of 3 loaf pans. Line bottom of pan with paper. Do not smooth bater. Garnish and bake 3 to 4 hours at moderate heat.

Fixing Up Daughter's Room for Christmas

When daughter comes home for the holidays give her a surprise. Fix up her room for her as a Christmas present. Or, if she isn't off at school or college, take her into your confidence — as you must — and fix her room to her liking.

HELEN KOUES
Director of Good Housekeeping Studio

By asking a lot of questions, I found a few facts all girls agreed upon. If not sharing their room, they would like two single beds in it, so that they can ask a friend to stay with them. Even in a small room they want it. Then they want a desk of their own, and if not a desk, a table which can be arranged as one, with blotter, inkstand, dictionary, etc. A drawer is wanted if possible. A three way I.E.S. floor lamp placed between the bed and desk takes little space, and gives good light for reading in bed as well as writing at desk. In a small room more spaciousness can often be obtained by placing the beds, apart along opposite side walls of the room, and putting the table desk and lamp between them at their heads. Perhaps there is a window between the beds in front of which the table desk may be placed, giving a good light by day. This arrangement uses three wall space; on the fourth opposite the window center the bureau with a mirror above it.

As most rooms have two windows the chances are another window will come at the foot of one of the beds and a door to the hall on the opposite wall while the closet door is on the end wall to one side of the bureau. So much for the arrangement.

A table desk is arranged between two beds

Girls today have definite ideas about color and general atmosphere even more than the actual furniture. Therefore assuming that you will use the furniture wonders can be done with the walls, floor, curtains and bedspreads. No namby-pamby room for today's college girls. No indeed. They want something more sophisticated, a scheme that has dash and durability besides comfort. Wallpaper with a light ground will lighten a room if dark. On the other hand a light room may have painted walls of a chosen color, blue for instance, on the end walls perhaps with a light tone on side walls. Following the color scheme and remembering "no namby-pamby", use a rough-textured fabric of the same deep blue for the draw curtains and a blue inexpensive rug, relieved by a gay hooked rug in front of the bureau. Selection of correct bedspreads is important. They must stand hard wear and not soil easily. The durable, blue-and-white striped material shown in the photograph harmonizes well with the rose-colored cover of the overstuffed chair and the pad of the Empire chair at the table desk. One small structural change was made: double four-foot bookshelves were put on the side wall over each of the beds. If the double book shelf over one bed is sufficient it is well to leave it at that.

Pin-it-up crystal side lights flanking the bureau mirror give it needed light. [illegible] the floor lamp by the desk. Be sure the room has adequate

Prosperity Notes

A new $59,000 school building for Watson is assured according to information receivd by the local board of education from Washington. The new building will hav eight classrooms, a gymnasium and an auditorium.

Factory sales of cars and trucks in November reached the highest total for that month on record and were the best for any month since June, 1937, reports the Automobile Manufacturers' Association. The authority estimated November factory sales at 514,500 units, a gain of 39.6 per cent over the 1939 figure of 368,541 units, up 58.4 per cent ovr the year ago aggregate of 324,689. For the first eleven months this year sales aggregated 4, 188,934 cars and trucks, a gain of 28 per cent over the total of 3,-263,600 in the corresponding 1939 period.

The Missouri State Employment Service obtained jobs for 27,770 persons for the first eleven months of this year, or 20.8 per cent more than the corrsponding period last year says C. R. Kammerer, manager of the St. Louis area. This is 1,854 more than for the entire year of 1939.

Daily average crude oil production incrased 277,550 during the week ending December 14, totaling 3,612,000 barrels reports the American Petroleum Institute. One year ago production averaged 3,-827,350 barrels a day. A big gain in Texas' output was largely responsible for the rise.

A new $150,000 armory for Joplin is assured following a recent bond election. The building will hav a drill floor 75x120 feet, two garages 31x120,, offices, locker rooms, and is to be located in Landuth park at the north edge of Joplin.

The Federal Reserve Board estimates industry, spurred by defense orders, reached a new, all-time peak in November. The board seasonally adjusted index of industrial production placed November output at 131 per cent of the 1935-39 average. The index had been 128 the preceding month and 124 a year ago. The board also stimated total employment in the United States had increased by more than 2,000,000 persons between August, 1939, and October, 1940. This was said to be a net gain.

Charles C. Hurst, Centertown, held a very successful livestock sale rcently at his farm comments the Tipton Times. Hereford cattle and Duroc hogs comprised the sale, the cattle bringing a top of $200 and the hogs, $55.

C. A. Humm of Hermann, is preparing to establish a bakery in Eldon about the first of January according to the Advertiser. He is leasing the rear of the Boguard building and will install an electric and gas plant for baking pastries.

Building permits issued in 215 leading cities aggregated $102,-539,657 in November, the largest for that month in the past 10 years, says Dun & Bradstreet. The cumulative total for the first eleven months of 1940 also was the largest in a decade.

Revenue freight loadings on the nation's railroads in the week ended December 7 totaled 738,513 cars, an increase of 9,988 cars over the prvious week reports the Association of American Railroad. In the corresponding 1939 period, loadings amounted to 683,973 cars, and in the 1938 week 618,964 cars. Total for the year through December 7 was 34,374,215 cars, against 32,033,910 in the corresponding 1939 period.

The Charles Leimer Implement Co., of Jackson, which recently purchased a lot of North High street has started erection of a building reports the Cash-Book. It will be of brick construction, with a full concrete basement 50x120 feet. The basement will be used as a service department and the first floor for stock of implements.

The Hermann Silica Sand Co., under its new managment employed three shifts of men during the week ended November 14, says the Advertiser-Courier, and shipped out ten carloads of silica sand.

WOODCARVINGS MAKE SMART ACCESSORIES

The local gift shops and department stores are showing gay wood fibre novelties that have been copied from originals designed by master wood carvers. For instance, there's an ornamental what-not shelf that serves many decorative uses. It is six inches high and has a ring on the back that makes it easy to hang on the wall. Thronged with a colorful collection of wood carved figurines, together with tiny horses, dogs bears and even a baby panda, one or more of these delightful pieces may easily become the pivotal point of your home's interior as well as your hobby interest.

And, not at all incidentally, the modest prices of these simulated wood carved figurines, along with the array of other wood fibre novlties, is by no means the least of your pleasures. You really ought to see them today.

POPE TO SEND WAR PRISONERS GREETINGS

Vatican City, December 20.—Pope Pius expects to extend Christmas greetings to war prisoners in various countries by mailing his photograph, sacred images and special apostolic benedictions, informed sources said today.

The Pope also has decided to send money to his representatives to purchase small gifts of clothing and other necessities for the prisoners, they said.

A Christmas truce between the warring powers recently was asked by the Pope, but went unheeded.

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"May Christmas bring to you
Good Cheer,
For Christmas comes but once
Each Year!"

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Modern Kitchens Are Models Of Efficiency

The old-fashioned kitchen, with an antique ice-box, clumsy stove, inadequate storage space, makeshift appliances, colorless accessories, and dance-hall floor is as outmoded as yesterday's newspaper.

No other room requires so careful a study of the needs of the family as the kitchen. The Federal Housing Administration has often outlined the fundamental requirements which make up a well-planned, efficient, modern kitchen.

CPACE REQUIRED

Acording to the FHA, the kitchen must be of sufficient size to contain equipment for food storage, dish and pan storage, dishwashing, broom storage, cooking, food preparation, and sometimes laundry work. While there must be space for all of these the nature and amount of equipment is variable, depending not only on the income but also on the needs and habits of the family.

A kitchen embodies three areas of activity: receiving and storing food; cleaning and dishwashing; and cooking and serving. When kitchen planners refer to the U type, the L type, or the broken unit type they are merely indicating the general relationship of the three basic work centers.

The first or storage center includes a refrigerator, storage space for supplies not requiring cold storage, and a nearby counter on which food may be prepared as it is taken from storage.

The second area, for cleaning and dishwashing, locates the sink between convenient counters with cabinets above holding necessary supplies.

The cooking and serving center contains the range and a counter or table logically situated close to the dining-room door.

NEW CABINETS

Cabinetmakers, thought to have reached the ultimate in kitchen convenience, are still finding new ways to make work easier. The convenience of the design of kitchen cabinets is apparent in the arrangement of the well-equipped drawers and storage spaces in both base and wall cabinets. Planned for the articles that go into them, both wall and base cabinets are standard units that fit the space requirements of any kitchen.

FHA officials say that the kitchen sink should be ample in size and provided with at least one drainboard. Detachable drainboards may be used. In many cases the combination sink and laundry tray with reversible drainboard cover may be advisable. The FHA recommends that the faucets be of good construction since cheap fittings are usually a poor investment.

The kind of a kitchen range installed is another variable factor, acording to the FHA officials. Gas and electric ranges, being the most convenient types, are the most desirable. There may be cases, however, where the coal or wood range is justified in communities where coal or wood is readily available and inexpensive. These fuels involve extra labor of hauling and ash removal. If coal or wood is used, there must be provision for adequate and convenient storage.

REFRIGERATOR JUSTIFIES COST

A mechanical refrigerator is usually the most costly piece of kitchen equipment, and yet from the point of view of food preservation there is little question that the modern refrigerator is highly desirable.

Careful kitchen planning produces in the modern small home an efficient, compact arrangement. Kitchen planning places the large equipment (range, refrigerator, cabinets, counters, sink) in a sequence similar to a factory assembly line. Each of the processes required in the preparation of the meal moves smoothly along from one point in the kitchen to the next, without waste of time or motion.

For complete enjoyment and efficiency in kitchen work, FHA officials empahsize the importance of ample light and good ventilation to remove hot air and cooking odors.

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LEO PFEFFERKORN
Circuit Clerk

SNOWBOUND CHRISTMAS

By CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assignment and bring back a report.

The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath—

"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?"

"Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas.

It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door.

"A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other, then they cheered.

"Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!!"

Loan Office Sets Record

Caruthrsville, Mo., December 20,—A new record for Missouri, and one which has been equaled only once in Arkansas and Illinois of the near-by adjacent states, has been established by the Pemiscot County office of the National Farm Loan Association. The county association office was the only one in the state to close its books at the end of the fiscal year, December 15, without a single delinquent loan on the books.

Ralph Ennis, secretary-treasurer here, was advised of the outstanding state-wide honor his office had achieved following a meeting at Poplar Bluff of all secretary-treasurers of the various districts in the state. Last year, Ennis had a delinquency of only 2 per cent at the close of the fiscal year, but his perfect record this year is the first in Missouri, and ties the perfect records reported in the past in Arkansas and Illinois, in which states only one association has ever reported clear records at the end of fiscal periods.

BATHROOM NEED NOT BE SQUARE OR RECTANGULAR

If you are planning to have an extra bathroom put into your home, don't be discouraged if the only room available has odd corners or jogs in it. Bathrooms no longer need to be perfectly square

Years ago plumbing fixtures were large and even bulky. They were designed to fulfill a purely utilitarian function. Modern plumbing equipment, however, is made in a great variety of shapes and sizes. Skillful plumbing contractors who are familiar with the products of all manufacturers of plumbing equipment know which fixtures may be most advantageously employed in certain tag ends of space.

For instance, an odd nook that seems hopeless may be converted into a tasteful recess for a lavatory. A closet three feet square may be utilized as a shower compartment. A space under the stairs may be converted into a downstairs lavatory.

It is not always absolutely necessary to put all three fixtures in one room. In fact, more people are able to use the same fixtures if they are not all in the same room. Suppose the only available space appears to be two closets which are not adjoining and that neither is large enough to accommodate all the fixtures. The logical procedure would be to place the tub and shower in one closet and the lavatory and closet combination in the other.

A Long Christmas

Many countries in Europe celebrate Christmas on the principle that you cannot have too much of a good thing. In Italy, Holland, and elsewhere, the first celebrations begin on December 6, St. Nicholas' day, and last till Twelfth Night on January 6. In Poland the Christmas season lasts till February 2.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The approach of Christmas has always been a pleasure to us . . . for it gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation for the business you have given us during the past year and to sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.

Tidwell Mobilgas Service
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

As One Friend to Another

We'd like to take advantage of the occasion to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide, by extending our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas. May the smile of fortune wreath every day of the New Year for you.

Drake Auto Sales
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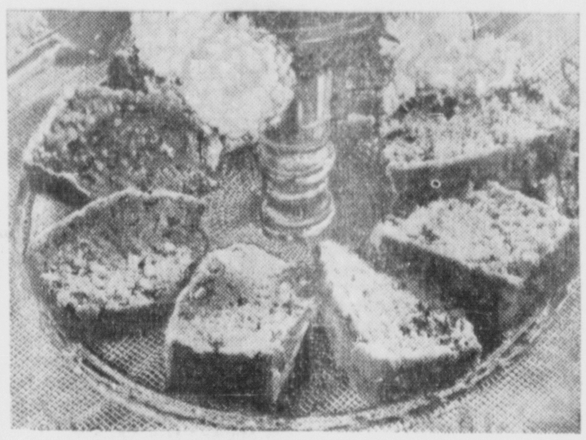
What's New in Cooking

By Gertrude Dent



A Holiday Cake That's Kind to Budgets

IF your budget rebels at mere mention of expensive Christmas fruit cakes, take heart! Here's a luscious and tempting one that costs little more than an old-fashioned spice cake, and it's a highly satisfactory substitute for its higher priced relatives.

This "Old Spice Wonder Fruit Cake" is easy to make, and the subtle blend of flavors is unusual and good. It's almost sure to be a year 'round favorite with your family, so you'd better plan to make it early and often. You can double the recipe with safety, by the way, if you'd like to make these cakes to give away.

Old Spice Wonder Fruit Cake
(Makes 1 8-inch tube cake)

½ cup shortening
1 cup light brown sugar
2 eggs (well beaten)
2 cups cake flour
½ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon allspice
¾ cup sour milk
½ cup citron (cut)
1 cup raisins
1 cup nut meats (broken)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cream shortening, add sugar, and beat thoroughly. Add eggs. Mix and sift together all dry ingredients, reserving ¼ cup flour. Add flour mixture and sour milk alternately—beginning with the flour mixture. Flour citron, raisins, and nuts with the ¼ cup of flour which was reserved and add to the cake mixture. Add vanilla extract. Place in well-greased, small tube pan. Bake 40 to 45 minutes in a moderate oven with electric thermostat set at 350°.

Time was when baking cakes in deep pans, such as tube pans, was something of a gamble; uneven oven temperatures caused unsightly cracks across the top, spoiling the appearance of the cakes entirely. Cakes were frequently overbrowned on top, and soggy underneath. But uniform baking success is a certainty, when you bake with measured electric heat. Temperatures are accurately controlled, and heat is evenly distributed. It's the controlled, moist heat in the ovens of these new ranges that keeps foods from drying out.

When you bake deep cakes, such as this, place them in the preheated oven so that the center of the cake is as near the center of the oven as possible, and forget about them until the baking time is up.

The friendships and patronage you have accorded us are worthy indeed of our most hearty and

SINCERE THANKS

We pledge our best efforts to serve you during the years to come.

Bartley R. Schwegler
District Manager
State Farm Insurance Companies

G. O. P. NOT THE FARMER'S FRIEND

That the Republican members of the House and Senate of the Congress of the United States are not in fact the farmer's friends is unanswerably proven by their recorded votes, and overwhelming majority of the G. O. P. voting against all major farm bills.

An examination of the records of the votes cast on the farm bills shows that the G. O. P. are the friends of the farmer all of the time excepting when they go to vote on farm bills, evidenced as follows:

On the "Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933," 62 per cent of the Republicans voted "no" and 38 per cent voted "yes."

On this bill, 92 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 8 per cent voted "no."

On the "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936," 76 per cent of the Republicans voted "no" and only 24 per cent voted "yes."

On this same bill, 88 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 12 per cent voted "no,"

On the "Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938," 88 per cent of the Republicans voted "no," and only 12 per cent voted "yes."

On the same bill, 81 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 19 per cent voted "no."

On the farm relief bill for "Parity Payments in 1939," 84 per cent of the Republicans voted "no," and only 16 per cent voted "yes."

On this same Parity Payments bill, 77 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes," and only 23 per cent voted "no."

On the bill for appropriation for "Commodity Credits," (loans on corn and wheat and cotton), 74 per cent of the Republicans voted "no," and only 26 per cent voted "yes."

On this same bill for Commodity Credit Loans, 100 per cent of the Democrats voted "yes." There was no recorded aye and no votes in the Senate on this bill.

On the record, the Republican Party stands convicted. It is not now or ever has been the farmer's friend.

Cakes Printed in Germany

A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Printen, from which the English word "print" is derived. In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

Santa May Not Smoke Cigars

Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.

We heartly extend to you our best wishes for the merriest of Yuletides, and express our appreciation of your loyalty and cooperation during this past year.

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We are grateful for your friendship and loyalty. May you be blessed with all that is good in life. That is our wish at this joyous season.

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ALL GOOD WISHES

for

A JOYOUS YULETIDE

The things you have wished for . . . the ambitions and plans that have been yours . . . we hope they will all be realized during the coming year. And may the Holiday Season be a happy one and the New Year one of usefulness, happiness and success.

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Stimulated by the problems they faced in rebuilding war-ruined faces, plastic surgeons have advanced by leaps and bounds in knowledge and technique since the World War. Today, writes Ruth Murrin, an unshapely nose may be completely remade in the short space of a week's time.

Since the nose is such a prominent feature, more people are sensitive about them than any other feature. A deformed nose, she says attracts the eye so that other pleasant normal features go unnoticed. Under these circumstances, it may be a handicap to both and social and business success. Plastic surgery, therefore, has come in for a great deal of public attention, and surgeons all over the country are successfully remodelling thousands of ugly noses. Their results bring new personalities as well as fresh faces.

If you are planning such an operation, Miss Murrin advises a thorough check on the surgeon. Make sure, she warns that you are in good health—no cold, sinus or skin difficulties to make complications. In most cases four or five days in a hospital are all that is necessary. After the operation there is a slight scar which completely vanishes in three or four weeks. Pictured below are two examples of actual cases. Notice with what great skill the noses have been reworked.

2 Pct. 'Use Tax' Suggested

Jefferson City, Dec. 20.—Enactment of a 2 per cent state "use tax" designed to remove discriminatory features in the sales tax act as well as produce additional revenue, will be recommended to the 1941 Legislature, which convenes January 8, by State Auditor Forrest Smith.

The proposed levy would be applicable to purchases made from out-of-state merchants, which now are exempt, Smith said. This exemption has put Missouri merchants to a considerable disadvantage, he added.

The bill, now being prepared, would help put more teeth in the sales tax act by plugging up loopholes where the tax is now being lost through interstate commerce, he asserted.

Smith estimated that $3,000,000 aditional revenue should be produced annually, if sufficient appropriations are approved to enforce collections of the taxes properly. Sales tax revenues this year will total approximately $23,500,000.

"If the use-tax bill is enacted," said Smith, "there will be no need to increase the levy of any of the other taxes. This additional revenue also should enable the state to pay most of the deserving old age pensioners the full amount allowable under the Missouri laws."

The Auditor also announced he would ask the General Assembly to change the state's fiscal year, which begins January 1, and make it coincide with the Federal Government's fiscal year, which starts July 1. This would eliminate much of the confusion, Smith said, that has existed in the financial transactions of the two governments since the state has been receiving millions of dollars in federal aid.

Broadening of the present country auditing law, to give the state authority to check the accounts of the school, drainage and levy districts, also will be recommended by Smith. He said some school districts are unlawfully diverting state aid from the teachers' fund to retire bonds.

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News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graber will be among those entertaining at dinner on Christmas Day. Their guests will be members of the Graber family and will include Mrs. A. Graber of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Graber and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Graber and family and Max Graber, all of Paragould, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Graber and family of Blytheville, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely H. Ethridge will have as guests for Christmas, the latter's father and brother, C. W. and Jim Chamberlin of Robinson, Ill.

Stoy Lee Hughes, who is employed at the S. G. Adams Sheet Metal Company in St. Louis, will spend the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes.

N. C. Watkins, his daughter, Miss Mary Ruth, and son, N. C. Jr., of Eureka, Mo., arrived Friday night to spend the holidays with Mrs. Watkins who is convalescing from a recent operation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harrison plan to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Carmi, Ill., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Van Epps.

Miss Emma Lee Grojean of St. Louis will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jean Hirschberg during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. West and their daughter, Miss Ann of Springfield, Ill., arrived Saturday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Miss Muriel Edwards and Z. W. Kilgore spent Sunday as guests of the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith in Willow Springs, Mo.

Mrs. Charles A. Vandivort went to Cape Girardeau Friday evening where she was joined by her husband, who is a senior at Missouri University. They will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vandivort in Cape Girardeau and with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris in this city.

Kemper Bruton is expected to come from Kennett for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Davis and their baby daughter will be guests of relatives in Poplar Bluff on Christmas Day.

Merritt Back, Jr., visited his sister, Mrs. R. E. Ausmus and her family in Centralia, Mo., several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton and son, Glenn, expect to be guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Barton in Lilbourn, for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs Edward Allard and their daughter, accompanied by Miss Geraldine Moll, visited relatives in Poplar Bluff over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Moorehead in Poplar Bluff Christmas Day.

Mrs. C. A. Anthony has gone to Indianapolis, Ind., to spend the Christmas holidays with a son and daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Belden are entertaining as their guests, the later's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Deal and their son, Richard of Camden, N. J., who rarived in Sikeston Sunday.

Gordon Blanton went to Hattiesburg, Miss., to spend the holiday season with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hatfield.

Christmas holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker Sr., will include Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Emory Baker and their son, Charles of Chicago, Mrs. T. B. Dudley and son, Thomas of St. Louis, Miss Mary Hinchey of Chicago and Miss Evelyn Allard of Palestine, Ill. Fletcher Ellis of Evansville, Ind., is expected to spend several days as the guest of Miss Allard, during the holidays.

Harry Woodward of St. Louis was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allard Friday night.

Mrs. C. L. Malone will go to Little Rock, Ark., this Tuesday to spend the holidays with her husband, Major Malone, who is executive officer of the Arkansas Reserve District. Major Malone has been on active duty since July 1, when he was assigned to the Third Military Area Headquarters in St. Louis.

Jack Aday left Friday to visit his mother in Memphis during the holidays.

Mrs. Paul Fink and her daughter, Paulina of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey.

Mrs. Maxine Fant will have as dinner guests on Christmas day, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pearman, and her niece, Patsy Jean of Blodgett, her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rickard and three children of St. Louis, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndell Pearman and son of Flat River.

Mrs. Joe McCord went to St. Louis Sunday to visit during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Drugett, and her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Dale Urban. Mr. McCord will join Mrs. McCord Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Hirschberg will entertain the following guests over next week end: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hirschberg and three children, Dorothy, Virginia and Ralph Jr., and Mrs. Eugene Hirschberg of Chicago, who are en route to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parker are visiting relatives in Kennett during the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. L. M. Stallcup and her mother, Mrs. E. A. Lawrence are entertaining as their guests this week, the latter's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico, Mo., and Mrs. Stallcup's daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Setz and two daughters of Clayton, and son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Anderson of Washington, D. C.

Jack Butler of Peoria, Ill., will come Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Butler and their daughter, Ann, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. K. Bone for two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Green and daughter have gone to Independence and Maryville to visit during the Christmas vacation. Raymond Palm accompanied them to Maryville where Mrs. Palm and daughter are visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vinyard of Cape Girardeau will be guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moore and their families will spend Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bennett at Bloomfield.

Mrs. Betha Kilgore, her daughter, Mrs. James Vaughn and three sons of St. Louis, and her son, Ross Kilgore, have gone to Tampa, Fla., to visit another son, Fred Smith and family for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bailey will entertain the following guests at dinner in their home Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey, Kent Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey and Children, Mrs. Paul Fink and daughter, Pauline, of Philadelphia.

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

This is a family affair, noting carefully that mother and daughter are dressed in twin woolen ski suits. Bright red wool lining strikes a sharp note of contrast to the deep green of the suits which are decorated with embroidered wool flowers.

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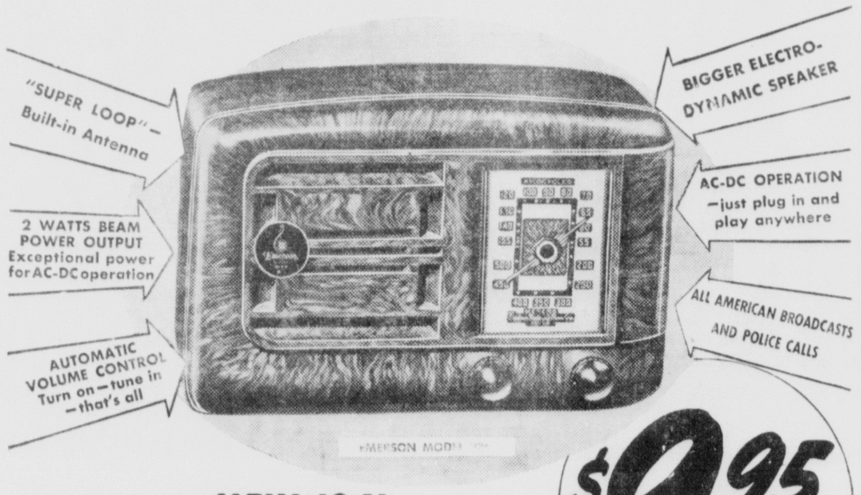

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Save money by paying your taxes before the last day of the present year.

C. E. FELKER
Collector

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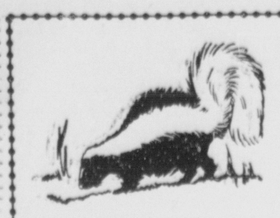

The P. C. Editor Says:

You'll find printed on another page a menu as served on Christmas Day in 1879 at the Maxwell House Nashville, Tenn., that will give the readers an idea of how the public was served back in those days. It would be absolutely impossible for any hotel in the United States to duplicate this menu in these days. We thank the city editor of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal for the mats from which this menu was cast.

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Our daughter, Mary, Mrs. N. C. Watkins, of Eureka, Mo., who has been a patient in St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, for two weeks, was brought to the home of her parents in Sikeston Friday afternoon and if no relapse occurs will soon be able to return to her home in Eureka. She is very cheerful, looks 100 per cent better and is doing fine.

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Business among Sikeston merchants for the past ten days has kept clerks on the go from the time stores were open until they closed. Santa Claus had to have everything ready before he started on his rounds. Here's hoping no child will be overlooked.

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The public is invited to a party to be held on Monday, Dec. 30, for Company K just before the Guard goes to camp. District Attorney Harry Blanton of St. Louis will give the main address and the 140th Infantry Band at Chaffee will play. Seats will be reserved for families of soldiers. It will start at 7:30 p. m.

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Four hundred and fifty thousand stores have opened during the past eight years of Democratic rule. Compare this aihievement with the fact that 253,000 enterprises closed their doors during the Hoover regime. That's the whole story.

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Crown Princess Juliana, of Holland, had her first ice cream soda at a New York fountain and pronounced it the "best treat."

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The year 1940 just about to come to a close has been the most prosuerious of all since we have published The Standard. Our business has been good, our collections fine, all of which we certainly appreciate. We look forward to the New Year with hopes that the community will prosper, that we may prosper and all enjoy good health.

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Farm income will soar a billion and a half dollars in the next two years, agricultural economics predict. Bright days loom ahead for the farmer under Democratic rule.

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Hitler has three in the United States Embassy in Paris recalled, so states the metropolitan press. If we had our say we would not recall them and let Hitler arrest and deport them if he dared. This man Hitler is getting too big for his britches to our way of thinking and will have to be trimmed down a bit by some combination of countries.

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From some quarters there is talk of asking the insurance companies who carry the cab lines to cancel the policies unless the owners or managers of these cab lines force the drivers to hold down fast driving in the corporate limit of the city. These drivers go like a house afire and seem to have little consideration for the rights of others.

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As is custoramy when major holidays occur the two issues of this newspaper will be combined into one next week, published on the usual Tuesday date. It will bear the holiday greetings of a number of Sikeston business and professional men to their patrons and the general public, issued thus timely on the eve of the holiday. The Standard staff has been working long hours and strenously and is entitled to a bit of rest, therefore "the force" will be given three holidays this week—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The plant will be open for business again on Friday and Saturday. Customers should bear this fact in mind and we trust readers will remember that only one paper will reach them during Christmas week.

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TELEPHONE EMPLOYES HAVE BANQUET

Employes of the local exchange of the Southeast Missouri Telephone Co., held a banquet at the Palace Cafe Monday night.

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10 Hired Here To Work on Rolla Camp

Ten master carpenters of Sikeston were secured through the local State Employment Office to report this Monday at Rolla to begin work at the big United States Army camp being constructed there.

The job agency received the request Thursday from the government, which is securing all workers on the project through the state service, according to Marshall Walker of the Sikeston office.

FIRST HIRED LOCALLY

The quota of ten carpenters is the first assigned the Sikeston Employment Office, he said. Other offices throughout the state are also supplying workers.

Since the Rolla project is closed work, the men here all were taken from the local union, Mr. Walker said. When more are needed they also will be taken from the union, or will be men who intend to join at Rolla.

The present scale of wages begins at $1 an hour. However, the government has not set the rate and the contractors will be required to make up any difference if the scale is higher when it comes out, it was explained.

BUILD OWN QUARTERS

Employes are now engaged in preliminary work of building barracks for housing the workmen and clearing the land for the mammoth camp site which will form an important link in the army's defense program. It is necessary to build quarters to live in because Rolla does not have sufficient housing to accommodate them.

When the building program gets into full swing after the first of the year, it is reported four thousand carpenters and six thousand laborers will be employed.

Already Rolla has taken the proportions of a "boom town."

'Meanest' Thief Steals Greeting Cards From Mailbox

The thief who takes this year's prize for plain cussedness stole a mail box full of Christmas greeting cards at the residence of Bob Mow, Jr., 229 Kathleen, Sunday night.

Mr. Mow came in from a hunting trip near five o'clock in the afternoon and prepared to dine out with relatives. As he was leaving at 5:15, he noticed the mail box filled with cards, a dozen at least. Seeing one was a letter, he read it and then shoved it back in the box with the other cards, intending to remove the entire lot upon returning.

Shortly fter 7:30 o'clock when he returned everything had been stolen from the box. Mr. Mow even inquired among neighbors to see if any had taken them up to keep them for him, but this was not the case.

Postal officials here were notified, since the motive may have been that the thief expected to find cash in the envelopes.

Grabers Giving Christmas Bonus

Graber's Store is giving a Christmas bonus of two week's pay to all employes who have been with the store a year or more.

It is an annual custom of the store to give a bonus.

COTTON CLUB TO HAVE CHRISTMAS DANCES

The Blue Rhythm Boys will play for Christmas dances Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cotton Club. The club recently secured the services of one of the best chefs in St. Louis and offers exceptionally well-prepared dinners.

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To Distribute Food Baskets Among Needy

One hundred seven needy families in Sikeston will receive Christmas baskets of food through the efforts of the American Legion, Nazarene, Baptist and Methodist churches, according to C. C. Scott.

Distribution, in charge of M. E. Montgomery, will take place Tuesday.

Through funds supplied by the various individuals and churches a large basket that will furnish the family with a bontiful supply of food will be given.

Committees from the various churches and the Legion held a general meeting to compare lists and see that no deserving families were omitted, Mr. Scott said. Deserving families are given baskets regardless of their creed, he said. Names submitted from various sources are carefully checked to see that the baskets go to needy families.

"It is one of the easiest tasks in Sikeston to perform," Mr. Scott commented. "People are vey pleasant about contributing and different ones give diferent items of food."

Besides food supplied from the special donors, the Lions Club's food movie, held Saturday morning, also supplies food for the baskets.

In each basket will be a dressed chicken, beans, sugar, lard, flour, meal, rice, loaf of bread, coffee, potatoes, oranges, milk and butter.

Lions to Be Santa Claus To 2000

The hearts of approximately two thousand children will be gladdened no end Wednesday morning when Lions Club trucks each with a Santa Claus, will venture forth to distribute sacks of toys, candy and oranges in needy districts.

Three trucks, for the North Side, South Side and Sunset Addition, will depart from the Coca-Cola Building at nine o'clock.

Children are especially asked to stand on their porches, instead of following trucks, so that there will be no duplications and every child will receive a sack, Mr. Schorle said.

The annual food movie of the Lions Club Saturday morning yielded a host of food articles which was being stored Monday for distribution among churches, who will put them in baskets for the needy.

Services Here for Mrs. Dixie Stokely

Funeral services were held here Monday morning at the St. Francis Xavier Church for Mrs. Dixie Lee Stokely, 61, native of New Madrid County, who succumbed of paralysis Friday morning at the home of a sister, Mrs. George Ray, at Paducah, Ky.

Born in New Madrid County in 1879, Mrs. Stokely for the past thirty years had resided at Williamsville. Her husband, Joe Stokely of Williamsville, died in 1936.

Surviving besides the sister of Paducah are three other sisters, Mrs. W. M. Schuerenberg and Mrs. Ulus Carr, of Sikeston, and Sister Mary Alice of Toronto, Ohio; three brothers, George D. Lee of West Helena, Ark., F. A. Lee of Illmo and S. M. Lee of Council Bluffs, Ia.; nine nieces and nephews.

Interment with Albritton service was in Memorial Park.

Annual Christmas Movie Tuesday

The annual Christmas movie to the kiddies of Sikeston will be held Tuesday afternoon at matinee instead of on Christmas morning, so that all children can be at their homes when the Lions Club distributes their Christmas sacks in the needy sections.

The movie is an annual gift of O. W. McCutcheon of Blytheville, owner of the theatres here, to the children.

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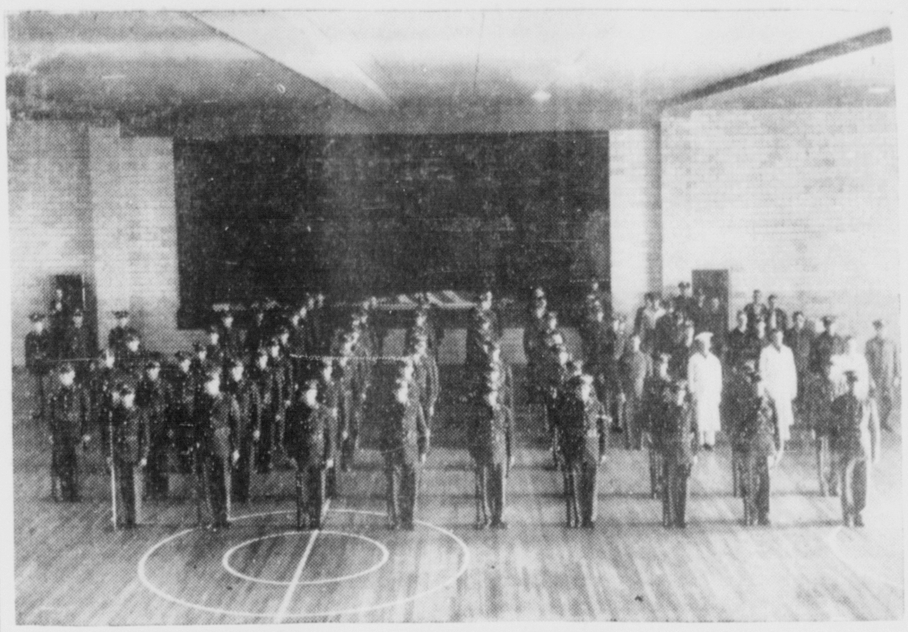
THEY'RE IN THE ARMY NOW



Scene in the Sikeston armory Monday morning after Company K had mobilized for its year's training at Camp Robinson, Ark. During the interim of about ten days prior to leaving for camp the men will undergo a training program under the direction of Capt. Wade Shankle.

140th Infantry Has Eventful Past, Dating From Civil War

When the call came this Monday for the mobilization of the National Guard for a year's training at Camp Robinson, Ark., it marked another historic milestone in the eventful history of the 140th Infantry, which has headquarters at Sikeston.

"History of the Missouri National Guard", compiled by the authority of the Military Council and supplied by Capt. Francis Pfeffer, regimantal adjutant, reveals that the 140th had its origin back at the beginning of the Civil War, as the First Infantry.

FIGHTS IN 1861

In 1861, an act of the General Assembly approved the organization of the First Infantry, Eighth Division, Missouri State Guard, which under Lieut. Col. Thos. H. Rosser participated in the battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo., on August 10 of that year.

When Major Eugene Irwin's Third Battalion of the First Infantry, was consolidated with Major Isaac N. Hudspeth's battalion of the Third Infantry, First Division, in 1862, it became the Confederate Troops. With the Second Missouri Infantry, then a part of General Cockrell's Brigade, the Sixth Infantry took part in the battles of Lexington, Elkhorn, Iuka, Corinth, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Bakers Creek, Vicksburg, Franklin and Nashville.

The Sixth Infantry. from fragmentary records, was still with the Confederate States Army as late as February and March, 1865.

REORGANIZED IN '98

Disbanded at the close of the Civil War, the regiment was not reorganized until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. In June, 1898 it was reorganized in the service of the United States as the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. Mustered into service July 20 to 23, 1898, the regiment served with the American Army of Occupation in the Second Division of the VII Army Corps, from December to April, 1899, when Spanish troops evacuated. It was mustered out of service at Savannah, Ga., May 10, 1899.

Among the companies serving in the Spanish-American War were: Company D of Bloomfield, headed by Capt. Mack Richardson; Company E of Doniphan, Capt. Pierre B. Ladd, who resigned while at Havana and was succeeded by Capt. Giboney Houck of Cape Girardeau; Company H of Lutesville, Capt. John W. Revelle, who resigned at Jacksonville, Fla., and succeeded by Capt. Robert V. M. Cordell; Company I of Kennett, Capt. Albert B. Sloan. Company K, which is now located at Sikeston, at that time was in St. Louis.

HISTORY OF THIRD

The Third Infantry Regiment of the Missouri National Guard, also a forerunner of the 140th, was organized in April, 1886, at Kansas City, with six companies. Three of the companies were called the Marmaduke Guards, after the governor; the Bullene Guards, after Kansas City Mayor T. B. Bullene, and the Veteran Company A, composed of veterans of the Civil War. The regiment saw service in the Spanish War, and was reorganized in 1901. In July, 1916, it was sent with other U. S. troops by President Wilson to the Mexican border because of the unfriendly attitude of Mexico at the time. It patrolled the border for little over two months and did not see active service.

The Third Regiment had been demobilized as federalized militia but six months when the call to arms came on March 25, 1917, as America entered the World War.

140TH IS FORMED

At Camp Doniphan, within the Fort Sill Reservation of Oklahoma, the 140th Infantry of the 35th Division was born. The Third Regiment and the Sixth Infantry were consolidated at this training quarters to become the 140th, in command of Col. William Newman.

After a bitterly cold winter on the Oklahoma plains, along with an epidemic of spinal meningitis, the 140th on April 24, 1918, embarked from Hoboken, N. J., in the Australian freighter Shropshire for France.

Their first camp for any length of time was in Normandy, close enough to the war that they could hear explosions when the Germans were bombing Abbeville, a town that felt heavy explosions last May in another war with the same foe. About this time, in the middle of June, Col. Bennett C. Clark, who had helped organize the Sixth Missouri Infantry before its merger into the 140th, was transferred to the staff of the 88th Division.

FIRST ACTION

After being assigned to several sectors, including a quiet section of trenches at Bitschweiller in German Alsace, the 140th got its first taste of action in the mountainous Fecht sector. It was considered quiet, also, although occasional artillery duels or night raids took their tolls. The men's movements to this position had been carefully censored and they marched at night, no one knowing where they were or where they were going, in efforts to conceal troop concentrations from the enemy. Hence they were somewhat surprised, the morning after taking their position in the trenches, to see a sign in English hanging on a wire before the German trenches, saying, "Welcome 35th Division; let's be friends."

The initial action came when the Germans on July 31 attempted a raid on Combat Group 8, Point 400, Focheday. The newly-arrived Americans resisted the attacking party creditably. Then on August 10 the men felt the brunt of a fierce artillery duel.

MARCH INTO ARGONNE

This action was only a warm-up of things to come. On the night of Sept. 21, 1918, the soldiers marched into Argonne Forest, undergoing privations of night marches in rain and mud, poor accommodations and the like. Lieut. Col. C. E. Delaplane was placed in command of the 140th two days

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Second Cadet Class Finishes

Working overtime to complete the sixty-hour course, thirty-five cadets of the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics finished their primary training a week short of the usual ten weeks so that they might spend Christmas at their homes before reporting to Randolph Field, Tex., for advanced training.

The graduates, the second class of the Institute to complete its training at Sikeston, began with fifty-nine, but twenty-four were eliminated.

Of the group of 86 that came in the third five-week period, eight have been eliminated, General Manager A. B. Woodbury said Saturday.

The next class will start January 4, and ninety are expected, he said.

Metal construction on the third hangar has been completed, and workmen are now pouring the concrete floor, which should be completed about the middle of this week, Mr. Woodbury said. Although the third hangar should be ready for use next Monday, it will not be needed until the further anticipated expansion of the Institute gets under way in February, the manager explained. There are forty-six planes at the airport now, and the first two hangars, with a capacity of twenty-eight planes each, can house them.

Home Supervisors to Be Appointed to Group-Labor Tracts

Two or three home supervisors will be appointed by the Farm Security Administration to take charge of home-making at the group-labor villages being established in Southeast Missouri, Hans Baasch, director, said Saturday Appointments will be made when the project is opened in February, he said.

Baasch of the limited funds, a supervisor cannot be appointed for each of the nine villages located at seven Southeast Missouri towns, Mr. Baasch said. It is probable that two or three appointees will have charge of the entire nine tracts, which have a total of fivt hundred homes.

Managers of the villages already have been announced. A successor to Mr. Baasch, who is being transferred to the regional office at Indianapolis, has been chosen and will be announced later.

ENTERTAINS METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Charles Moose entertained members of her Sunday School class of the Methodist Church with a Christmas party Monday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gid Daniels. Miss Mary Ruth Watkins of Eureka, Mo., was an out-of-town guest. A Christmas basket was packed and a tree trimmed, which will be given to a selected person for Christmas.

Youth Dies Of Target Gun Wound

Shot in the head by a .22 rifle bullet while boys were target shooting near Morley, Dudley May, 15, died shortly afterward Sunday in a Cape Girardeau hospital.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when the youth rounded the corner of an outbuilding just as the gun was fired at a can by James Kulchur, 13, at the Sand Hill tavern just south of Morley on Highway 61.

Young May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howle May of Morley, died fifty minutes after arrival at the hospital without regaining consciousness. The shooting occurred about noontime.

Since the death took place in Cape Girardeau County, Coroner Short of that county conducted an inquest there and found the shooting was accidental.

Kulchur lives with his parents just south of Morley.

A student in Morley High School, Dudley was considered a very intelligent pupil. He was a nephew of Coach Hugh May of East Prairie and a cousin of Mrs. E. L. Sisson of this city. Immediate survivors besides the parents are two brothers and a sister.

Local Job Offices Places Most in State

Placements made by the Missouri State Employment Service in November totaled 13,588, of which 6,861 were private 855 public, and 5,872 supplemental, Andrew J. Murphy, Sr., Chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission of Missouri, announced Saturday at Jefferson City.

The Sikeston office of the State Employment Service filled 3863 jobs in November. Of these 248 were in private industry and 45 were on public projects. 3570 were supplemental placements in which the employment office assisted but was not entirely responsible for the jobs found.

Sikeston with 3,570 supplemental placements, mostly of cotton pickers, had 3,863 total placements in November, the highest number among the 31 local employment offices. St. Louis had the second highest total, 2,446. Kennett, which like Sikeston placed a large number of cotton pickers in November, stood in third place with 1,665 total placements, and was followed by Kansas City with 1,232. Other local offices near the top of the list were: Caruthersville with 728 placements, Springfield with 549, St. Joseph with 511, and Joplin with 405.

Jobs filled in private industry during November declined from the October figure which set a high for this year, but showed an increase of 7 per cent over private placements for November of last year, said Murphy.

Draft Board Meets Tuesday Anyway

Though the regular meeting night, Tuesday evening, comes on Christmas Eve, the Draft Board will receive registrants desiring assistance in filling out their questionnaires, according to the chairman, Robert A. Dempster.

The board here meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

As the distribution of questionnaires from the County office increases, the Alvisory Board is having larger numbers of callers. There were about thirty at the Friday night session, keeping busy the four attorneys, Mr. Dempster, George Kirk, W. P. Wilkerson and Bill Corrigan.

One married man wanted to get into service immediately and asked if there was some way he could make the grade. In keeping with selective service ruling, he was placed in Class 3-A because of dependents, and will not likely see service in the draft.

MATTHEWS METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Sunday.

11:00 a. m. preaching Service. Sermon by Rev. R. P. Basler. "Spending Our Years as a Tale That Is Told."

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K Mobilizes, Armory Now An Army Post

At nine o'clock Monday morning the Sikeston armory and grounds became a military reserve as Company K—with ninety-nine enlisted men and four commissioned officers—mobilized for a year's training.

Capt. Wade Shankle as his first official act read to the company the mobilization orders.

Uniformed men bustled through the armory building and were drilling outside, the beginning of a routine that will carry over to the encampment which begins within two weeks at Camp Robinson, Ark.

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY

The first two or three days will be taken up with physical examinations, Capt. Shankle said. These are being given by Lieut. Col. Casey and Lieuts. Virant and Poe, all of St. Louis, who are in the medical reserve. They reported for duty at 5 p. m. Sunday.

Next on the program will be fingerprinting of all men, under direction of Second Lieut. George Staley. This should be completed by Friday so that a full training program can get under way, the commander said.

Meanwhile, men not engaged in physical examinations or fingerprinting are following the official training program under First Lieut. Carl Wilkinson.

HIKING ON PROGRAM

By Friday the preliminaries should be out of the way and the company can begin on the regular training program prepared several months in advance, Capt. Shankle said. This consists of basic instruction intended to harden the men. Each afternoon from one to five o'clock the company will take a hike. The first day it will be two miles and no pack. The last day it will be ten miles with a full fifty-pound pack.

Since an army must travel on its stomach, the kitchen crew under Second Lieut. Laurence Adams and Mess Sgt. Vernon Sherry were busy Monday morning preparing the first meal, which was served at 12:10 p. m. There were two full rounds, or quarters, of beef in the ice box for all the hungry soldiers.

Lieut. Adams had estimated that the first day's expense of the company, food and incidentals, would cost $116.

AN ARMY POST

The armory and grounds is a military reserve in fact. No man can leave the grounds unless he is accompanied by a non-commissioned officer or has special permission. When the men reported at nine o'clock Monday morning, each was registered by Sgt. Atkinson, along with the time of arrival, and thereafter "he's in the army now."

Arraigned in Court On Burglary and Larceny Charges

Wayne Rowlett, 17 years old, younger of two brothers arrested in connection with several burglaries here, pleaded guilty to burblary and larceny in Circuit Court at Benton and Judge Frank Kelly took his case under advisement.

The elder brother, Warren Rowlett, 19, was ill and Prosecutor David Blanton said he hoped to have him in court this Monday to dispose of the case. Judge Kelly intended to pass sentence on Wayne at this time.

Judge Kelly Monday sentenced Wayne to four years in the reformatory and then paroled him to Rev. J. W. Hoffert of this city. Warren Rowlett was ill of pneumonia in a Cape Girardeau hospital and could not appear.

The two admitted breaking into the H & H Grocery, Sikeston Lumber Co., Skelly Oil Co., Kellett Garage and Reiss Dairy, as well as stealing a car by the garage and taking license plates from two carh.

They had been in the Benton jail since a week before.

SON TO GRIFFINS

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Griffin of Plant City, Fla., have announced the birth of a son on Friday, Decembr 13. The child weighed 7½ pounds and has been given the name of Thomas Edwin. Mrs. Griffin is the former Miss Eva Jones of Sikeston.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET
SIKESTON STANDARD
This Ticket Will Admit
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Beckett
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Wednesday, Dec. 25 to see
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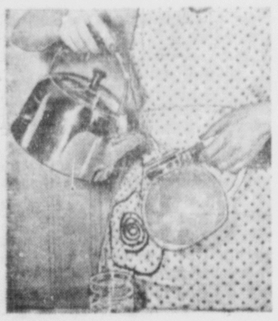
Good Coffee Comes From a Clean Pot

Your coffee pot may not be as clean as you think, and a clean pot is essential for good coffee. Always use a brush to thoroughly clean inaccessible percolator parts.



Use plenty of hot water to wash your coffee makers. After washing with soapy water, scald it thoroughly to remove all traces of suds and wash as soon as possible after use.

Aluminum coffee makers should be scoured with steel wool and soap once a week. Never use soda, and don't forget that the cleaner your coffee pot—the better is your brew.

As a part of its Cotton Christmas program the National Cotton Council is contacting more than 10,000 individuals and organizations throughout the country, providing them with complete programs for community-wide observance of the event.

Different Light for Different Needs

A fact about light many of us overlook, is that there should be a certain amount of constant light or general illumination in a room, with special light for special purposes such as writing or study, sewing, card playing.

It is important to remember that a brightly lighted spot in a rather dark room is very hard on the eyes as they must make constant adjustment from brightness to dimness. Therefore it is wise to have a soft general illumination in any room with brighter light serving its purpose in a given spot. During day light, a desk for writing, or a chair

The 100-200-300 watt bulb is wise

for reading or sewing, or a table for working is placed near a window for greater intensity of light even though the room as a whole is light. The same principle should be employed with artificial light. This is why it is well to have in the average house, ceiling fixture, or side lights in a room, which can be turned on by a switch at the door, with "special" lights turned on at their source in the place needed.

LIGHT FOR DRESSING

Notwithstanding woman's much discussed vanity, she hasn't really given enough thought to lighting her dressing table or bureau. The fault of most so-called boudoir lamps is that they are so low that they light your waistline instead of your face as you look in the mirror. The ideal dressing table lamp is 18 to 20 inches high, has a shade as nearly white as possible so that the color of the shade will not mislead you in your use of cosmetics, and is equipped with a 60 watt bulb. Another happy solution is to use two "pin-up" lamps (40 watts each) that may be fastened to the wall at the desired height. Of course, there is nothing so satisfying for dressing as a long mirror on the wall or on the front of a door. This, like the mirror for the bathroom cabinet, may have a single bulb fixture above it. In addition, lights at either side may be used provided they throw light to the center of the mirror.

LIGHT FOR SEWING

Sewing, especially on dark goods with dark thread, is as trying to the eyes as reading very fine type. Here the 100-200-300 watt three-light lamp with three auxiliary 40 watt candles is a boon, for it may be turned to 300 watts without the candles for coarse work on light-colored fabrics, and have the candles in addition for fine work on dark materials. As the source of light for sewing should be about 30 inches above bowl and the three candles mentioned above is a wise choice. Light should, of course, come over your left shoulder for such work unless you are left-handed!

LIGHT FOR WRITING —STUDY

For ordinary letter-writing a lamp about 23 inches high with a 100 watt bulb giving 25 footcandles is sufficient. But a desk is often used for more concentrated work—reading fine print, fine drawing, or studying. For these pursuits the I. E. S. Studying and Reading lamp is recommended. This has one 100 watt bulb or a 50-100-150 bulb. Again, remember that such a light should be used in connection with general illumination.

NOT A MODERN BOMBER AT CANAL, SAYS CONGRESSMAN

New York, Dec. 21.—Representative Fred Bradley (Rep.), Mich., one of the 12 Congressmen returning from a trip to the Panama Canal, declared today that there "was not a modern bomber in the Zone."

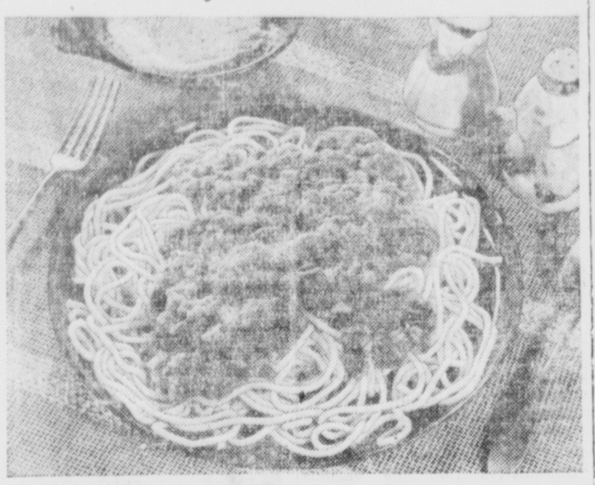
"If the administration considers it such a vital place to guard," he said, "why doesn't it do something to protect the Zone with up-to-date aircraft? If there are any modern bombers there, they are so pitifully few that we didn't see them. I was told the fastest airplane there was capable of only 140 miles an hour."

The group returned aboard the liner Panama, after a 12-day trip.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

What's New in Cooking

by Gertrude Dent



Serve an Italian Supper

If you'd like to give a gay, and simple, and very smart party this fall, serve an Itilian Supper for your friends. It's an easy and inexpensive way of entertaining a crowd, and can be managed very nicely without the htlp of a maid.

For your supper, serve plates of "yard-long" spaghetti, with plenty of rich, flavorsome meat sauce and grated cheese; a big bowl of mixed green salad with sharp French dressing; hot crusty Italian or French bread; plenty of steaming coffee or tea; and for dessert—if anyone wants it! — a basket or wooden bowl of mixed fresh fruit. The spaghetti with its delicious, well seasoned sauce, should be the mainstay of your meal, and the main attraction, too. Make a generous portion of the sauce and cook it the day before you plan to serve it, in the deep well cooker of your modern electric range. Long, slow cooking over very low heat brings out the finest flavors of the ingredients in the sauce, and blends them to produce a perfect product.

ITALIAN SPAGHETTI

(Serves 6-3)

- 2 large onions (1½ cups minced)
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- ½ cup parsley (minced)
- 3 bay leaves
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1½ pounds ground meat (beef, pork, and veal)
- 1 large can Italian tomatoes
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1½ cups water
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup Italian cheese (grated)

Fry onions, garlic, parsley, and bay leaves in the olive oil until the onions are lightly browned. Add meat, and continue to fry with switch turned to second position until the meat is well cooked.

Force tomatoes through a colander to remove seeds. Combine the strained tomatoes with the tomato paste, water, soda, and seasonings. Place in deep well cooker of modern electric range, with the meat mixture. Cover, and cook with switch turned to High, until steam escapes. Then turn switch to third position and simmer for about 3½ hours. Add cheese and continue cooking for ½ hour.

The controlled heat in the deep well cooker makes watching and stirring unnecessary. Just put the ingredients in the kettle, turn switch to the proper position, and forget about the sauce until the cooking time is up. A choice of 5 controlled heats on cookers and surface units of the new electric ranges, provides the right heat for every cooking operation. That eliminates watching and stirring, and means fuel economy, too.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship and good will of folks like you.

Please accept our sincere thanks and our good wishes for a Prosperous NEW YEAR

LEECH FURNITURE COMPANY

The Management of the
MALONE THEATRE
Presents Its Annual
FREE SHOW
To the Kiddies of Sikeston
Next Tuesday Morning
Beginning at 9:30 o'clock
There will be ten reels of Comedies and Cartoons including the following:
DONALD DUCK, MICKEY MOUSE AND OUR GANG

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

Christmas would not be complete for us if we failed to extend our sincerest best wishes to our many friends and customers!

Bob Rafferty
Agent Shell Oil Co. and his Dealers

Hang up the Old Sock

—And we'll take great delight in filling it full of good wishes for you and yours. As we do so, we pledge continued effort on our part to merit your good will in the years to come.

Dunagan's Market
In the A. & P.
CLAUDE and ERNEST

Merry Xmas To All

PITMAN
Cleaners and Tailors

TIMES CHANGE . . .
. . . AND WE WITH TIME
BUT NOT THE WAYS OF FRIENDSHIPS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the New Year bring you a full measure of prosperity

Sikeston Auto Parts Co.
Sammie Wiseman, Owner
Norman Cotrell, Manager

It's a Pleasure

to wish all of our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage, and trust that we may continue to be of service to you in the years to come.

Sterling
5¢ to $1 STORE

the Joys of Christmas

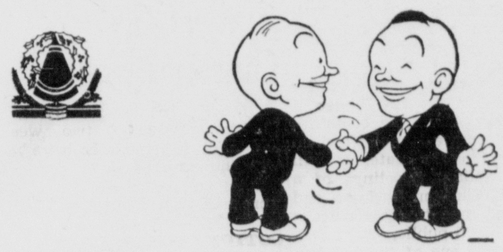
Are Enhanced by the Thoughts of Our Associations in the Past
Happy Christmas to All

Sikeston News Service

Here's Hopin

That jolly old St. Nick will remember you well on this glad occasion, and too, that the New Year will see the realization of your every dream.

L. T. Davey
The Sikeston Plumber



TO WISH YOU
Just a wonderful Christmas and all Happiness in the New Year.
TO THANK YOU
For your splendid patronage during the year just ended.

PHONE 181
CITY CAB
Arthur Maxcy

CELLAR STAIRS MUST BEAR HEAVY LOAD

Cellar stairs deserve more consideration than they have receiving. Although cellar stairs bear more heavy loads than other stairs in the house, they are frequently constructed in a careless manner.

While cellar stairs need not be finished as well as the main stairs, they should be given as much consideration insofar as safety and use are concerned, according to FHA officials.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYBODY

CHIPS Shoe Shop Repair Shop

SOUTHERN COOKING

From 100 Southern Recipes

OLD TIME COOKIES

Still a tradition in many Southern homes is the big stone cookie jar. Visitors as well as members of the family are invited to reach into the jar "as often as you please" for a between meal snack or before going to bed at night. With a brimming glass of sweet milk you'll like.

PLAIN OLD TIME COOKIES

½ cup margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon baking powder
2¼ cups flour

Cream margarine, add sugar and then well-beaten egg. Add milk gradually. Sift baking powder with one-half the flour and add, then add more flour a little at a time. Beat and add flour until mixture leaves sides of bowl. Store in a cool place for an hour or more to stiffen. Break off small pieces of dough, roll out on floured board and cut in fancy shapes. Bake in tins greased with Cottonseed oil margarine in a hot oven (400° F.). This recipe may be varied by dividing the dough and adding a little cocoa to part of it; a few spices to another; and a little grated coocanut to the remainder. Yields 3½ dozen.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color 100-page free cook book, "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

FUN...IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — (Special) — "It's fun to play in the sun" say these fair visitors to the Valley of the Sun around about Phoenix, Arizona—one of America's foremost winter playgrounds.

These charming devotees of Old Sol are demonstrating a few of the more vigorous activities inspired by the clear desert air and balmy winter warmth. Rest and relaxation, too, are among the popular pastimes and are exceedingly pleasant in this winter home of the sun.

Santa Fe Railway Photos

Test New-Type Cotton Gin

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 21.—A new type cotton gin, embodying the revolutionary principle of "air-roll," is undergoing tests here.

Its inventor, Charles R. Berry of Greenville, claims it is the first fundamental departure in cotton ginning since Eli Whitney developed the saw-tooth method.

Mr. Berry claims the new method is an improvement over the standard cotton gin because the air roll type does "a more thorough job in removing trash."

TRAVELS CONTINUOUSLY

In standard gins, he says, the cotton is fed into a roll box which tightly compresses it into a roll through which the gun saws drag, engaging the line on the saw teeth. The saws then pass through a series of ribs which remove seed from lint.

In principle thus is the same method used by Whitney in the first successful gin.

In the air-roll gin, Mr. Berry says, the cotton travels continuously in an air stream from the time ginning starts and instead of using ribs to remove seed from fiber, high speed imparted to the seed by an air stream carries the seed from the saw while the fiber remains on the saw and is removed by an air blast jet at another point on the arc of the saw cylinder.

In this way, Mr. Berry says, more trash is removed with the seed and a better grade of cotton produced. Another advantage is claimed in that the saws in the air-roll gin revole at 2200 revolutions a minute compared with 750 revolutions per minute in standard grades.

WILL RAISE GRADE

"The principles involved will undoubtedly raise the grade of any cotton ginned through it over cotton ginned in a convention gin of the present day type," Mr. Berry said of his invention.

"The cotton in this gin remains in a fluffed condition throughout the time it is being ginned, which helps produce a smooth sample at the press and which also facilitates the removal of trash."

Butler County Road Will Be Paved

Jefferson City, December 22.—The State Highway Commission today announced a low bid of $404,801.13 for 11½miles of 22-foot concrete paving on Highway 67 in Butler County from Route 14 to the Arkansas state line.

The bid was submitted by the Koss Construction Company and Clark, Kearney & Stark, Des Moines, Ia. The work includes grading, construction of two bridges and roadside improvement as well as the paving.

The Koss Construction Company also submitted a low bid of $249,-853,81 fro grading and paving six and one-half miles of Route 4 in Gentry and Harrison Counties from Albany to New Hampton.

A low bid of $44,876.20 for surfacing three and sixtenths miles of Route 45TR in Platte County was offered by the Midwest Precote Company of Kansas City.

"Day-after" turkey baked in a deep-dish pie has a holiday touch when topped with star-shaped biscuits. Toast rounds sprinkled with grated cheese are also delicious topping for chicken or turkey casserole.

Robert H. Davis Dies After Stroke

Fredericktown, Mo., December 22.—Robert H. Davis, former State Representative from this district and widely known in Republican politics in Missouri, died last night in his sleep after suffering a paralytic stroke. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Davis, who also was a former Prosecuting Attorney in both Wayne and Madison Counties, was offered an appointment to the United States Senate by the late Gov. Sam A. Baker in 1925 on the death of Senator Selden P. Spencer. He declined on the theory a younger man could do a better job, and Gov. Baker named George H. Williams of St. Louis. Mr. Davis and Gov. Baker were boyhood friends.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Mr. Davis practiced law here for more than 40 years. He was named the most outstanding citizen of Madison County this year by business men of this city.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ada Ward Davis; two daughters, Miss Rachel Davis and Mrs. Ruth Nash; three sisters, Miss Kate Davis, Mrs. Sarah Miller and Mrs. Mary Frank, Thayer, Mo.; a brother, Henry Davis, St. Louis and a nephew, Bryan Purtett, St. Louis attorney.

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday. Burial will be in the Fredericktown Cemetery.

RARE BIRD

Wisconsin now has a new feathered resident. When a Forest Ranger of the Chequamegon National Forest and Herbert Ochsner of the Division of Timber Management observed a yellow-headed woodpecker recently while on a timber sale, their curiosity was aroused. A Wildlife expert pronounced the bird an arctic three-toed woodpecker. Field men of the Milwaukee Museum verified the conclusion. This species of bird is very rare,, and it is the first time that it has ever been seen in Wisconsin.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

FASHION PREVIEW

A fitted red leather jerkin like a Highland chieftain's, set in a coat that would make you almost invisible on the matching plaid seats of the Chrysler Highlander.

'Grapes Of Wrath' Film Adjudged Best Of Year

New York, Dec. 22.—The National Board of Review of Motion Pictures today selected "The Grapes of Wrath" as the best film of the year on the basis of artistic merit and importance. The movie was adapted from John Steinbeck's novel dealing with social and economic problems growing out of the migration of "Okies" to California.

The board selected "The Baker's Wife," a French production, as the best foreign-language film, and "The Fight for Life" as the best documentary movie. It gave honorable mention to "Power and the Land," another documentary film.

Choosing the "10 best American films" of the current year, the board ranked the following in the order named: "The Grapes of Wrath," "The Great Dictator," "Of Mice and Men," "Our Town," "Fantasia," "The Long Voyage Home," "Foreign Correspondent," "The Biscuit Eater," "Gone With the Wind" and "Rebecca."

UNSIGHTLY ROOF CUTS HOME VALUE

A dilapidated roof can quickly lower the value of a home. It is unsightly and detracts from the beauty of the neighborhood, and many times it is also a dangerous fire hazard.

An attractive, protective, and fire-resistant roof may replace the old one with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES

Final figures for 1940 will most likely show that our greatest item of import was news.

The average person is fiercely proud of many of his short-comings and idiosyncrosies in order not to be ashamed of them.

Another great advantage in being right is that you are not seized with violent anger when it becomes necessary for you to defend your position.

"A wandering oval-shaped celestia body has been discovered by astronomers."—Press report. For goodness sakes! Has the universe, too, laid an egg?

No man does better or worse than to break even with his implausible world. He comes into it with nothing, and he takes nothing away when he leaves it.

A secret agent reports that the most common injury reported by Fascit soldiers in the war against Greece is entered thus on the records: "Stubbed toe on mountain en route to the rear."

To One and All We Extend

We thank you for your many favors during the past year and extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing You

A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

and All Happiness in the New Year

Walton & Williams Motor Company

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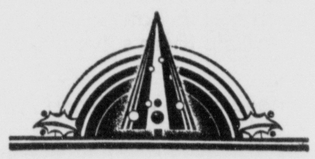
Merry Christmas



We cherish the thoughts of the fine friendships that have been ours in the past and we desire to take this means of expressing our genuine thanks for your courtesies.

We wish you the best of good things for Christmas and the New Year.

S. B. HARDWICK
REAL ESTATE

May
ALL HAPPINESS
Be Yours at
CHRISTMAS
And Every Day of the
NEW YEAR

GID DANIELS TAVERN

A Yuletide Wish

To You . . and You . . and You

May Old Santa remember you with many things in token of our appreciation of the many kindnesses with which you have remembered us during the past.

Merry Christmas
Prosperous New Year

RED'S PLACE
Jim "Red" Ellis
Open 24 Hours Every Day

A Joyous Noel

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting"... We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable.

May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.

Happy New Year

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C. L. BLANTON, Editor

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1940

All Aboard!
I Wish You a Jolly Good Christmas

Happiness and Prosperity through the New Year

JEWEL COAL YARD

WANTS

Eevergreen Grave Blankets—plain, $3.50; decorated, $5.00. Phone 501, Woehlecke, the Florist. (tf-26)

FOR SALE — Circulating Heater, good condition, Call 638 or L. M. Standley. (1t-28)

FOR RENT—1 large room furnished or unfurnished. 628 Murray Lane. (2t-29p)

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, gentlemen preferred. 1014 N. Kingshighway, Phone 732. (tf-27)

FARMS FOR SALE—Special bargain on 160 and 80, cheap price and very reasonable terms for quick sale. We are also making a great reduction on all kinds of furniture from now until Christmas. Hurry to get your pick. Sikeston Furniture Co., 517 Prosperity St., Sikeston, Mo.

FOR SALE—House Trailer, fully equipped. 411 Prosperity. (tf128)

FOR SALE—Whole dressed No. 1 fancy fat hogs, any size you want, delivered direct to you. Lowest prices. Watson's Store, Miner Switch.

LOST—Small, curly haired dog, part Spitz, white with black spots. Answers to Teddy Bill. Reward. Phone 204 or 137. (1t-29)

FOR SALE—One team native 5-year old draft horses; 1 team native draft mares, foaled to jack; 3 young mares in foal to jack; 1 team of 5-year-old big mules; 6 head of mules from 3 to 10 years old. Cash or terms with secured notes. See them at Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co. (tf-28)

FOR RENT — Modern 6-room house on Moore Ave., just remodeled. Phone 965. (tf-28)

LOST—Friday night, light color shell rimmed eye glasses in black case. Finder please return to Alice Van Horne, 274 N. Ranney. Phone 427. (1t-29)

FOR RENT — Modern sleeping room for gentleman. Close in. 102 E. Kathleen, Phone 267. tf-21

FOR RENT—Modern 7 room house 515 New St. Also modern 5-room house. 924 N. Ranney. Phone 761-W. (tf-29)

EVERGREEN GRAVE BLANKETS Plain, $3.50; Decorated, $5.00. Phone 501, Woehlecke, the Florist. (tf-26)

Now is the time to place your order for your Christmas Fruit Cakes. Mrs. W. H. Sikes, Phone 462. tf-23

FOR RENT—Bedroom for ladies only. Mrs. W. T. Malone, 219 W. Gladys. Phone 204. (tf-26)

FOR SALE—'36 Chevrolet Sedan, good condition, $200. H. J. Dickerman, Matthews, Mo. (2t-28p)

YES, WE HAVE FIREWORKS of all kinds. Watson's Store, Miner Switch. (tf-26)

FOR RENT — New 4-room house with bath. Hardwood floors. Call 668 after 4 p. m. (tf127)

WANTED — Position caring for children by middle aged lady. Inquire at Standard Office. (2t-28p)

FOR SALE—55 foot lot close in on Greer Ave. Paved street and sidewalk in and paid. See Lyman Gross at Gross Hotel. (tf-26)

FOR RENT — Sleeping room, all modern conveniences. 425 Matthews Ave., Phone 534. (tf-27)

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MANY MANY MANY THANKS

For your thoughtfulness to this institution. It is our incentive to strive for greater things and inspires us to greet you at this glad Christmastime with a genuine message of good cheer.

FAIR GROCERY AND MARKET

A Joyous Yuletide

May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of dreams and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of...

HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

HARTZELL BLACKSMITH AND WELDING CO.

MAY JOY THIS

CHRISTMASTIDE

attend you and may new found blessings make the New Year more bright.

We gratefully acknowledge your consideration during the past and solicit your continued thoughtfulness.

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GREETINGS and SINCERE GOOD WISHES

For your Health and Happiness at Christmas time and for the New Year.

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We pay charges on long distance calls.

Sikeston Rendering Co.

Sikeston, Mo.

May Happiness be with You and Yours at All Times!

Sikeston Maytag Company

219 E. Malone—Sikeston

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR IS THE SINCERE WISH OF

ANDRES GARAGE

CORDIAL HOLIDAY GREETINGS FOR THIS FESTIVE TIME!

With sincere good wishes we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your continued patronage . . .

Jones Drug Sundries

Highway 61 South

"Now where Jesus was born . . . there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . ."

Thos Wise Men were symbolic of the learned people of that time. They recognized a true ruler . . . one who was to bring peace and happiness rather than a monarch or dictator who ruled by force. They realized and knew that He was endowed by His Father with those faculties necessary to help them solve the problems of their time.

Today we need more Wise Men . . . men who will guide world affairs, end aggression, and bring Peace to All. We need Wise Men to help us solve our economic, social and religious problems. If our 'Wise Men" today would more clearly follow the example set by the Wise Men of old of bowing down and worship Him the World would enjoy Peace and prosperity rather than misery, suffering and need that now exists. May the Wise Men of Old be our "Guiding Star" during the Xmas Season and during the year 1941.

REISS DAIRY

CHRISTMAS AGAIN:

We wish to extend Yuletide Greetings to its many friends, customers, business associates, and prospective customers.

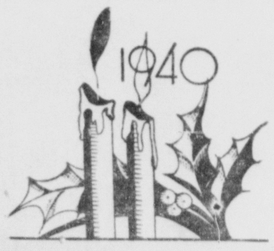
Let us be humbly thankful that throughout the American Continent, peaceful scenes will greet this Christmas morning, even though much of the rest of the world is torn by war. And let us look hopefully toward the day when "PEACE ON EARTH — GOOD WILL TO MEN", is a fact everywhere as HE, whose birthday we celebrate so much desired.

We hope that your own fireside rings with good Christmas cheer, and that the New Year will be especially gracious to you and yours.

We have enjoyed our business relations with you in the past, and are looking forward to its continuance, resulting in a prosperous NEW YEAR.

HAHS MACHINE WORKS

CHRISTMAS



AT CHRISTMAS

Picture little bundles, medium-sized bundles and big bundles, all jammed to overflowing and maybe you'll know just how much happiness we wish you during this Merry Christmas season.

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SIKESTON STANDARD

PHONE 137

News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Sgt. and Mrs. C. C. Maranville and their nephew, John Menge, accompanied by David Lumsden and DeWitt Lambert as their guests, and Mrs. Arthus D. McGibney departed Saturday afternoon for San Antonio, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. McGibney will visit relatives in Alice, Texas a part of the time.

Mrs. Mabel Crouthers Atkinson of Los Angeles, Calif., has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crouthers, who live seven miles south of Sikeston; and another daughter, Mrs. Mary Goff and son, Charles Rayburn Maxwell of Tarwell, Texas, were expected on Dec. 22 to visit in the Crouthers' home.

Send the TWICE A WEEK SIKESTON STANDARD this year to the son, daughter or other relative for Christmas. A years subscription makes an ideal Christmas Present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nance expect to spend the holiday season as guests of Mrs. Nance's mother, Mrs. Mary Campbell in Joplin.

Mrs. W. H. Michell and her daughter, Miss Sarah Ann, have as their guests for the Christmas vacation, their son and brother, John Michell, a student at the Rolla School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., and A. C. Moon of Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. F. M. Sikes and Mrs. C. C. Stewart will be dinner guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Lindsay Brown in Charleston, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, their daughter, Mrs. M. S. Cagle and son of Carrizo Springs, Texas, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown and two children of San Antonio, Texas, arrived Saturday night to visit Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. Carrie Fisher, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Others who will join the family group here for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Conrad and three children of Flat River and Betty and Charley Maze of St. Louis. Mrs. Carrie Fisher and her daughter, Miss Margaret Louise, will entertain the family at dinner Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Manley expect to have as their guests this week end, their mother, Mrs. C. A. Manley and Mrs. R. J. Izard of Forrest City, Ark.

Miss Olga Matthews, Joe Jr., and Bob Matthews were guests at a dinner in Blytheville, Ark., Monday evening, given by Mrs. Jack Scanlin in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCutchen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harty and their daughter, Miss Eleanor were dinner guests of Mrs. Harty's mother, Mrs. J. G. Mechin at Gray's Point Sunday.

Miss Nancy Leslie arrived last Friday from Washington, D. C., where she is employed in the Navy Department, to spend the holidays with her father, Leroy Leslie and Mrs. Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips will have as guests for dinner Christmas day, Mrs. C. D. Matthews Jr., Mrs. John Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews III and their children, Dot and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Swacker and son, Art expect to go to St. Louis Wednesday morning to visit relatives until Friday, when they will be accompanied to Sikeston by their younger son, Billy, who will remain over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Anthony of Carthage, Mo., are expected this Tuesday to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harwell and son, and Mrs. Harwell's mother, Mrs. R. M. Bugg will be guests at a dinner at the Dunn Hotel in Poplar Bluff Christmas day, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heckemeyer will visit relatives in St. Louis the last of the week, going there on Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hollifield of Route 2 are the parents of a daughter, born at their home Friday, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodman of Jefferson City arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Rodman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall, during the Christmas holidays.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews on Christmas day will include Mrs. Scott Alexander of Charleston, Mrs. Betty Matthews, Mrs. E. C. Matthews, Miss Olga and Edward Matthews.

Miss Anette Bledsoe of East Prairie was the week end guest of Miss Mary Emma Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Myers left Monday night to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents near Memphis, Mo.

Moore Greer Jr., a student at Sunflower Junior College at Morehead, Miss., arrived Monday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Greer.

Mrs. Louie Largent entertained her bridge club last Thursday evening with a buffet supper, and Christmas party. The decorations, tallies and scores carried out the Yuletide theme and presents were exchanged. Husbands of the club members were invited guests at the party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Klein will have as dinner guests Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein, their daughter, Miss Evelyn, and son, Jean, and Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cornell and son of St. Louis are expected to visit Mrs. Cornell's grandmother, Mrs. Betty Matthews, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dunagan, son Danny Lee, and Mr. Dunagan's father, Lee Dunagan, plan to spend Christmas day at Thebes, Ill., with Mrs. Dunagan's mother and sister, Mrs. R. E. Harper and Mrs. Alvie Waddell.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Jones will go to Cape Girardeau this Tuesday to visit the latter's family over Christmas.

The following from Sikeston will go to LaForge Christmas day to be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Puckett: Mr. and Mrs. Dal Harnes, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Harnes, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Parks and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sneed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh left this Tuesday morning to visit relatives in St. Louis and Festus until the last of the week.

Mrs. Pat Davis and children, Imogene and Pat will be guests of relatives in Cairo, Ill., Christmas day.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyce Christmas Eve and day will be the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Boyce, and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Green, parents of Mrs. Charles Boyce, all of Anna, Ill.

Mrs. J. R. Trousdale will have as out-of-town guests Christmas Eve and day, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummins of Maplewood, Mo.

N. E. Fuchs returned home Saturday from St. John's Hospital in St. Louis, where he had received further treatment.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Kendig and sons, John and Tom will drive to Willow Springs, Mo., today to visit Dr. Kendig's mother, Mrs. J. C. B. Davis until Thursday.

Mrs. Chris Francis entertained at bridge Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Milem is visiting relatives in St. Louis during the holidays.

Send the Twice a Week Sikeston Standard to the son, daughter or other relatives for Christmas. A years subscription makes an ideal Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Greer, their daughter, Miss Jane, and son, G. B. III, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moss and their daughter, Miss Laura Neville, of Union City, Tenn., at a party at their lodge on Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., for college friends of Miss Moss.

Miss Martha Jane Myers was a luncheon guest of Miss Jane Greer Monday, en route to Paragould, Ark., from Charleston, for a holiday visit.

Monty Monan came in from California Sunday for a visit with the family of his brother, Tom Monan, and other relatives in Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter, Mrs. L. D. Randol and two grandchildren, Ranney and Martha Jean Evans will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook in Carbondale, Ill., Christmas day.

Mrs. Lutie P. Leslie and Mrs. Mary Earls of Morley will spend Christmas day in Sikeston as guests of the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and Mrs. Earl Johnson will entertain at dinner Christmas day for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Malone of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sharp, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, Mrs. R. S. Rutledge of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Val Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell and sons, Charles, Bob and Jack and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Sikes and son, Alfred, will be guests in the home of Mrs. Sikes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weber in Bloomfield, Christmas day.

Mrs. John Harper accompanied home her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vogelsang of Cape Girardeau, Sunday night to visit over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson of Pryor, Okla., are expected to arrive today to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Throgmorton. The group will spend Christmas day in Pocahontas, Ark., as guests of Dr. Throgmorton's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Largent's dinner guests on Christmas day will include the latter's mother, Mrs. M. V. Mumma, grandfather, J. C. Atteberry, aunt, Miss Ella Atteberry, and her brother, Richard Mumma, all of Gideon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Houser and daughter of Perryville and Joe Allen of New Madrid were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Allen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Higgins of Decatur, Ill., will spend the holidays here with the latter's mother, Mrs. Hester Carraway, and other relatives.

R. D. Sorrells of East St. Louis spent the week end at Sikeston visiting friends. Mr. Sorrells is assistant music supervisor in the public schools of East St. Louis and has just signed a contract to direct the Shrine Band in that city. Mrs. Sorrells has been quite ill and has just returned from Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis.

SGT. C. B. JOHNSTON MARRIED AT DEXTER

The marriage of Miss Barbara Pruitt, daughter of Mrs. Ollie Pruitt of Dexter, and Staff Sergeant C. B. Johnston of Randolph Field, Texas, took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian Church in Dexter. The Rev. Walter C. Smith officiated in the presence of close friends and the families.

The bride wore powder blue with a small hat and veil of the same color and white accessories. Her flowers were pink roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. John H. Hughes, Jr., of Malden and Dexter, who was dressed in gold with black hat and accessories, and wore a corsage of Talisman roses.

K. C. Johnston of Randolph Field, Texas, brother of the groom, was best man.

The church was decorated in Christmas colors of green and red, and the bridal party stood under an arch of greenery. Tall standard vases of white chrysanthemums and gladioli were placed on each side of the arch.

Mrs. Charles Ardinger Sr., of Dexter played the nuptial music and Mrs. Charles Ardinger Jr., sang a solo before the ceremony.

A reception was held at the bride's home for the guests, following which Sgt. and Mrs. Johnston left for a short stay in Memphis, Tenn. They expect to visit in Dexter, Kennett and Sikeston during the holidays.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnston of Kennett and a brother of Mrs. P. A. McDougal of this city, who with Mr. McDougal and their son, Dick, attended the wedding.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to all who comforted and helped us at the death of our sister, Mrs. Dixie Lee Stokely.

We will long remember the kindness of friends, neighbors and church members and all who extended sympathy.

The Family.

FIGHT ON BURIAL SOCIETIES

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Members of the Missouri Funeral Directors' Association are proud to have the support of the Post-Dispatch in their fight against burial societies in our state.

We will move on in our fight, and next year, we hope, will see it finished, with the Legislature taking action to protect the thousands of Missouri citizens whose funds are being tied up in these societies.

ROY P. SCHWARTZ,
Secretary, Missouri Funeral Directors' Association.
Hannibal, Mo. (Adv.)

Demo Leaders Have Dinner Here

Democratic political leaders of Southeast Missouri met Sunday evening at the Dun Hotel to discuss plans for the future, at a turkep dinner given by J. S. Wallace, Scott County State representative.

Those present also were C. L. Blanton, Sr., and C. L. Blanton, Jr., of Sikeston, State Senator L. D. Joslyn of Charleston, Rep. Dan O'Brien of Mississippi County, Rep. George Munger of Stoddard County, Rep. Arthur S. McDaniel of Dunklin County, Representative-elect Buckley of Pemiscot County and Representative-elect Mrs. McManus of Ripley County.

If detached and hung up, a leaf of the bryophyllum calicinum plant will grow roots from its margins.

WITH our hearts full of the true Christmas spirit, we wish to express our appreciation for your loyal friendships in the past year. It is good to know that our efforts have not been in vain and that we have met with your hearty approval.

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If we did not get to see you personally to extend Season's Greetings. We just couldn't see all our friends so we must, of necessity, but not by preference, take this means as a substitute. Yet, we say in print, with just as much sincerity as though we were talking to you personally . . .

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The State Supreme Court on December 11 ruled that Burial Assns., are illegal and ordered the State Legislature to enact law to abolish such Assns., that pay off in Funeral Merchandise.

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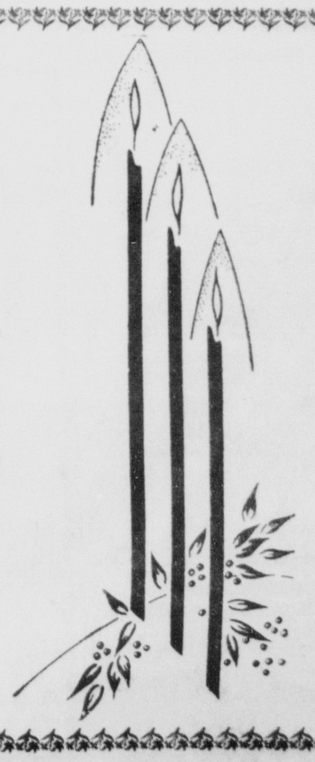
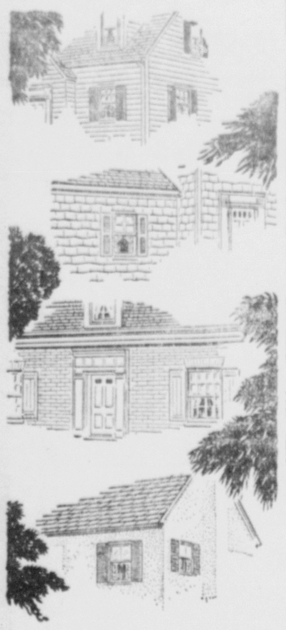


Better Homes Living

Wood, brick, stucco, and stone may all be used effectively and attractively as outside wall materials in the construction of new small homes.

Exteriors of wood construction predominate in the new single-family houses built under the Federal Housing Administration's program, although in a large percentage of the new houses several materials are combined.

The wood clapboard wall is in-



teresting in appearance, inexpensive, and adaptable to many styles of house.

Wood shingles are especially appropriate for an informal type house. They may be sawed or split. So-called "hand-made shingles" have an interesting texture. Shingles may be laid in a variety of ways. They are usually colored by stain.

Brick is lending charm and beauty to many of the new FHA homes. Brick makes a handsome wall. It is re-resistant and, properly constructed, is durable and strong.

Flexible and adaptable to many styles of houses, stucco can be given a great variety of color and texture. Wide variation in possible surface texture is available, ranging from quite smooth to comparatively rough. Color variations in the material are possible.

REPAIRS RAISE PROPERTY INCOME

Improvements to fill modern needs and modern demands may be made under the FHA Modernization Credit Plan on thousands of income properties that need modernization to maintain their income potential.

Retail stores and other commercial establishments that need modernization to insure their attractiveness to customers are eligible for improvement under the FHA plan. Apartment houses, hotels, schools, and colleges are among other types of structures which may be modernized under this system of sound credit.

Normal improvement programs and the steady maintenance of existing property are as important to a sound real estate market as new building.

Sprinkle chopped parsley over tomato soup for the traditional Christmas colors. Let thin strips of bread toasted in a slow oven until crisp be the soup accompaniment.

What's New in Cooking

By Gertrude Dent

Gilding the Sweet Potato

Most men still do not feel that dinner is complete without potatoes, despite the fact that some of us who diet, shun them completely. But if you have a man to cook for, you'll want to know how to serve potatoes in as many interesting ways as possible.

Sweet potatoes are most plentiful during the fall and early winter months. Although their preparation compares in many ways to the white potato, they may be "gilded" even more heavily, with sweeter flavors, such as pineapple, orange juice, maple syrup or marshmallows.

One of the most interesting recipes for sweet potatoes is made with marshmallows. It is a pleasant surprise, when biting into these crisp, sweet potato balls, which have been fried to a golden-brown, to find a soft, melting marshmallow.

When you do deep fat frying on a modern electric range, there'll be no problem of overheating the fat. Controlled heat on the surface units of these new ranges eliminates guesswork in top-of-the-range cooking; a choice of 5 speeds provides just the right heat for every cooking operation. All you need to do is to heat the fat on the range with the switch turned to High. When the fat has reached the desired temperature, turn switch to 3rd position, to maintain temperature.

SWEET POTATO SUPRISE
(Serves 6-8)

3 cups hot sweet potato (riced)
4 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
8 marshmallows
1 egg (beaten)
1 tablespoon cold water
½ cup crumbled corn flakes

Combine sweet potato, butter, and salt, and allow mixture to cool. Divide mixture into 6 portions. Pat out, place a marshmallow in center of each, and shape into balls. Combine beaten egg and water. Dip sweet potato balls in egg mixture, then roll in crumbled cornflakes. Fry in deep fat heated to 375°, until the potato balls are well browned.

Washington Comment

Back in the time of the World War, Congress remained in operation for 354 days, a record up to that date. The present session may be said to have got its second wind, having already run as long as its robust predecessor, with no prospect of adjournment in sight. Very likely it will die of old age on January 3, 1941. Notwithstanding a general exodus for the holidays, West Indian cruises, and so on, the chief legislative body of the land still maintains a nominal existence, which probably is entirely justified by the press of circumstances at home and abroad.

Having been married 60 years, a Montreal woman asks separation from her husband, and says that she has "had enough". The warring European powers likewise have had enough, but show no signs of a desire to leave the question to the decision of any international court. It is written that "the wicked flee where no man pursueth". The Italians must be worse than wicked. They continue to flee but are still pursued by the vigorous Greeks and Britons. A great day will have arrived when the Axis powers decide that they have "had enough". May it not be 60 years deferred!

Even though some time may pass before European trouble makers are genuinely under control, there are matters nearer home that are not being put off. The demand for greater activity may not yet have resulted in much matured fruit, but healthy green apples are appearing here and there. Having been advanced from Assistant Secretary of War to the newly created office of Undersecretary, it is expected that Mr. Robert Patterson, or those associated with him, will make extensive changes in high War Department places, with a view to stepping up armament production, especially as to procurement and the organization of industry.

A member of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs is quoted as saying, in substance, that the first thing to be done in connection with defense is to ascertain, by means of Congressional hearings, just how we stand; a suggestion which, off hand at least, seems to have a good deal of sound sense behand it. The concept is growing, both on Capitol Hill and in the lowlands, that Congress after all is primarily responsible not merely as to granting plenty of money, but as well in seeing that it is wisely spent, a view said to be held by Senator Sheppard of Texas, among others.

Without entering into the question as to whether it is a consideration that should overshadow everything else, the shade cast by defense preparation is large. The Supreme Court of the United States is being asked to deal with such fine distinctions as the difference between "affecting" national defense and "relating" to that subject. This and kindred matters must be taken care of, but they tend to "dizzy the arithmetic" of the non-legal mind, to borrow a phrase from the writings of our friend Shakespeare.

As the year of grace 1941 draws to a close, it will do no harm to recall that other year shave preceded it, each sailing away beyond the horizon with its cargo of happenings. Four hundred years ago, Coronado was poking up into Arizona, by way of Mexico, and no doubt spreading dismay among the inhabitants. At that, they were better off than many in England, where the burning of witches was coming into vogue. By the close of 1640, the Plymouth Rock pilgrims had been softened by the luxury resulting from two decades of pioneer residence in New England, and presumably had begun to discuss the "good old times" in Massachusetts.

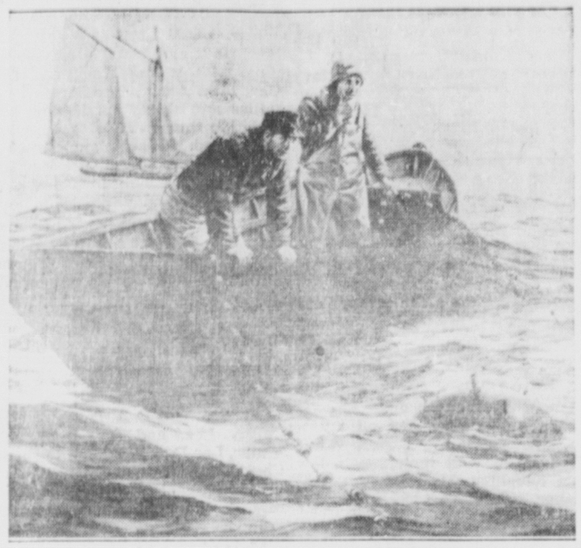
By the close of 1740, Europe had acquired Frederick the Great, a Prussian by the way, whose main business was to keep Europe in a turmoil of war until everyone became tired and quit, affairs being restored to the condition in which they had been before the opening of hostilities New Year's Day, 1841 found the United States digesting the results of a presidential election. A nation wide panic had worked the undoing of President Van Buren. H was down and out, to his surprise. The White House was being set in order for the coming of William Henry Harrison, and inauguration plans were well underway.

DESIGN CLOSETS TO FIT THE DEMAND

The Federal Housing Administration suggests that closets be measured to suit the demands of the home owner and that sufficient storing needs dictate the sizes of the areas to be closeted.

A good rule to keep in mind when planning a closet, according to FHA officials, is: a closet should be compact and efficient rather than large and space consuming.

"Fisherman's Luck"



Hardy fishermen, dragging in their strong cotton net, bring in an unwanted catch—a floating mine—in this painting by the noted illustrative artist, Anton O. Fisher. Long known for its strength and endurance in the fishing industry, cotton likewise plays an important part in naval war, with cotton cellulose probably serving as the base for the explosive in the fishermen's mine. Clothing for sailors, canvas for deck coverings, cellulose for explosives—all are products of cotton.

Home Owners Forum

By ABNER GORDON

Water pipes exposed to the danger of freezing should be well insulated to prevent cracking. This is equally true of interior as well as exterior installations.

Moulded coverings of cork, magnesia, or asbestos are widely used, while plain sheets of hair or wool felt wrapped around the pipe and secured in position with string usually assure ample protection for lines shielded from weathering.

All pipes must be bound solidly, no separations appearing between the sections of insulation. Connections and elbows should receive extra protection as joints are particularly vulnerable to splitting and seepage.

When a house is to be vacated for the winter months the plumbing should be completely drained, eliminating the necessity for insulation.

Q.—How should a sanded finish be applied on interior wood surfaces?

A.—First apply the usual undercoats of white lead paint, and then finish off with a topcoat sufficiently heavy to assure the firm adhesion of sand. A slight reduction in the oil content of the standard finish coat formula of half and half (by volume) soft paste white lead and lead mixing or lead reducing oil thickens the film, providing an excellent sanding base.

The sand should be thrown or blown against the painted surface immediately the finish coat is applied. When the paint sets up, the sand will adhere firmly.

Q.—The firebricks in the back of a fireplace loosens periodically, evidently due to the intense heat. How can they be relaid to eliminate this trouble?

A.—Try relaying the brick in a bed of fire clay or refractory cement, eliminating the use of sand in either case. Mix the binder with water to a thick consistency.

CHECK EFFICIENCY OF WIRING

FHA officials advise prospective home builders not to take it for granted that their new homes will have proper electric lighting and convenience outlets for the use of appliances.

Careful checking of the plans will assure correct installation of a wiring system that should serve for the life of the house. Additions and changes after the house is completed are far more expensive than a good job in the beginning.

HOME, HIGHWAY EQUAL HAZARDS

Deaths in accidents in and about homes in the United States equaled the number of deaths in highway accidents in the year ended June 30, according to the annual report of the American Red Cross for that period.

Red Cross officials declared that "the tragedy is emphasized by the truth that in most instances these accidents should not have happened—were preventable."

Timely repair of many danger points in the home would do much to curb the high accident rate. Now that these repairs may be easily financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration, there is small excuse for unsafe conditions in the home.

Well-seasoned bread stuffing is as important to Christmas dinner as cranberry sauce. If pocketbook or preference requires a holiday roast that is small, serve the dressing in stuffed shoulder, beef or veal birds, or stuffed chops.

Heartiest Wishes for a Merry
★ CHRISTMAS
and a Happy
★ NEW YEAR

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Dr. F. L. Sisson

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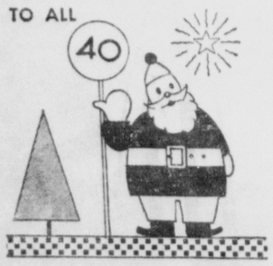

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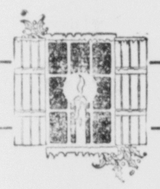

To One and All

Inspired by the thought of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

We send to you, not only as a customer, but as a friend—our best wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

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Maid Of Cotton Points The Way

Mary Nell Porter, Memphis debutante who served as the National Cotton Council's 1940 Maid of Cotton, sets the pace for Christmas shoppers with this varied selection of cotton gifts. Preparations to make this Christmas a Cotton Christmas are now under way in Communities throughout America.

Flood Control is Now Reality On St. Francis River Says Noce

Col. Daniel C. Noce, of the Memphis district, U. S. Engineers, was in Poplar Bluff this week after making his last official visit to Wappapello dam.

"We now have flood control on the St. Francis river," Col. Noce said definitely while here. "Our dam is sufficiently far advanced that the St. Francis river can be controlled and floods can be prevented along the river to the south."

Col. Noce will leave the U. S. Engineers on Dec. 26, and will go to Newburg where he will be connected with the army training camp now under construction. He was ordered into that department since he was an army reserve officer, and will give up his work with the engineers until such time as the army training is completed.

The Wappapello dam concrete work has been finished and the height of the dam is sufficient to hold back any average flood, the Colonel said.

Greenville, in the path of the lake which the dam will create when it is in full operation, is preparing for moving day which will be within the next few weeks. Some houses already are being built at the new location, and a number of others will be moved there by contractors already employed, just as soon as final plans for this work can be completed.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

It is estimated that during 1940, total premiums paid for pilot, passenger and plane insurance in the air-conscious United States will amount to $3,750,000.

Wallpaper Use Is Unlimited

The use of wallpaper as a finishing for the interior walls of the house offers an unlimited range of decorative possibilities.

Wallpaper runs the gamut from formal hand printed scenic types to small figure papers suitable for a cottage bedroom.

FHA officials say that there are no hard and fast rules for choosing papers, an dinteresting effects are obtained through original uses. Washable wallpapers have recently been added to more standard types. These should not be overlooked in deciding on the wall finish.

Color and tone in wallpaper may be used to excellent advantage to set the color scheme of the room, since several colors are usually combined in one paper. The draperies can pick up one shade, the upholstery another, small art objects another.

In general, where the paper is figured, the draperies should be plain. Horizontal lines in the paper may be continued across a window by the use of striped material.

If the paper pattern is of intermediate size, it will help adjust small furniture to a large room. A science panorama on only one wall will give a room depth. A gay informal pattern with a rought tevture will conceal an uneven wall. Drop ceilings, where the cealing paper is brought down on the side wall to a malding or border, improve the apparent proportions of a room which is too tall.

The Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan makes it easy for home owners to change the entire decorative scheme of the house with modern new wallpaper.

BRICKWORK REQUIRES GOOD WORKMANSHIP

Good workmanship is essential for good brickwork, Federal Housing Administration officials advise builders.

The brick should be laid level with uniform mortar joints not exceeding three-quarter inch in thicknes. Joints should be filled solid with mortar and be weathered or tooled. Bricks which are sound, hard burned, free from cracks, and uniform in size should be used. Good bricks also will not absorb too much water.

HAREM SCAREM?

A recent report submitted to Forest headquarters from Deschutes National Forest, Oregon, goes something like this: "We (two rangers) were eating lunch when Emil said, 'Look at the antelope.' There were nineteen nannies and kids coming up a little draw single file on the lope. Suddenly a big ram caught up to the herd and attempted to turn the leader off from her set course. All of the herd stopped but the leader, who made a dash up the hillside. The old boy took out in hot pursuit. He ran that nanny all over the hillside for several minutes and finally turned her back to the herd which was now all bunched up at the toe of the slope watching the race. After getting all nineteen of his harem together, he nudged them off at right angles through a low saddle. Several times the old nanny tried to break column and head up hill, but the old boy was right there like a collie dog bringing in a band of sheep."

Do antelope rams have harems and it is customary for them to dictate as to where their harems are to go?

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

★ ★ FASHION PREVIEW ★ ★

Automoble designers of America turned their talents to designing 1941 models in dress. This gray suit with yellow blouse of Heller rayon jersey was designed by Oldsmobile. The yellow chevrons on the lapels and the plastic fasteners on blouse resemble the chromium bars on the Cruiser Club Sedan, as pictured here.

Causes of Defects Defined

Cracks in plaster ceiling of new homes may be traced to one or several faults, according to Federal Housing Administration officials.

Cracked ceiling plaster is often the result of using second floor joists of insufficient depth to have the required stiffness or the omission of floor joist bridging.

When too small, joists invariably sag under the weight of furniture and people and cause cracking of the plaster and unsatisfactory floors. Bridging of wood or metal placed between the joists at intervals of about eight feet assists in the prevention of ceiling plaster cracks by distributing to several joists any exceptionally heavy concentrated loads or sudden jolts that may be applied directly above one or two of them.

Proper bracing of the structural frame to resist vibrations and doubling of floor beams under partitions and around floor openings are important precautions against ceiling cracks. The use of unseasoned lumber, which shrinks in the process of drying out, may also contribute to cracking of plaster. Metal lath strips used in the angles between ceilings and walls reduces the tendency for cracks to develop at that point.

Another important cause of plaster cracks, which is probably more often noticed in the walls than in the ceiling, is settlement due to inadequate footings. Improper application of plaiser backing, such as wallboard or laths, is sometimes responsible.

Merry Christmas to Al

It has indeed been a pleasure to have served you during this past year. May we express our grateful thanks and

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of your valued patronage and trust we have merited the continued privilege of serving you throughout the year to come.

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JOHN HOBBS
Sheriff

Christmas Wishes

Every good wish for your happiness at this joyous Christmas Season.

We have enjoyed the past year with you and are appreciative of your consideration.

JOE MATHIS
City Collector

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
IN STREAMLINED DRESS

May the Yuletide Season, with all its spirit of good fellowship bring great joy to you and abundant prosperity in the coming year.

H. C. "Buzzy" WATKINS
County Clerk

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
to One and All

...from every member of this organization. We are pleased if we have been of service to you at any time in the past and invite you to call on us at any time in the future.

C. E. FELKER
Collector of the Revenue

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
to our hundreds of friends

At this time, the most glorious holiday season of the whole year, we extend our sincere felicitations to our many friends and customers.

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A Merry Christmas

Time-worn words, but the most appropriate of them all. When we say "Merry Christmas" you can be sure that it is expressed with genuine appreciation of its true meaning.

EMIL STECK
County Treasurer

Here's Wishing You a Happy Holiday

To each of you who have contributed to our success and to those of you who have given us your fine friendship we extend a hearty and genuine

Merry Christmas

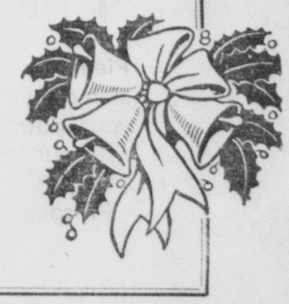
May Peace, Happiness and Prosperity be yours for many, many years.

H. F. KIRKPATRICK
Record of Deeds

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And may the Happiness of the Holiday Season be yours through all the coming—

NEW YEAR



T. F. HENRY
Associate Judge

140th Infantry

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before going into action.

Every state of the United States was represented in the Meuse-Argonne drive, and the German army was at the height of its efficiency. The Meuse protected the right flank of the American forces, while the left embraced the Argonne Forest, whose ravines, hills and elaborate defenses, screened by dense thickets, had been generally considered impregnable.

"OVER THE TOP"

On Thursday, Sept. 26, the 140th followed the 138th "over the top" at Vauquois Hill, a huge fortress that dominated the hill and had been held by the Germans since 1914. The hill fell and the 140th advanced onward and took Charpentry with a heavy cost of life from machine-gun fire. On the morning of Sept. 28, with very little rest, the regiment advanced onward, reaching Montrebeau Woods. Enemy artillery, planes and machine guns had inflicted terrific losses. The Third Battalion, in its advance past Chaudron Farm to Montrebeau Woods, had lost 50 per cent of its men, and a larger per cent of its officers. The Second Battalion "H" and "G" were in front each with less than a hundred men.

The 140th led the attack on Exermont, facing a frightful barrage of artillery and machine gun fire, as well as gas. Major Murray Davis, a highly valued officer and already wounded, was killed. The regiment, with the 110th Engineers, consolidated their positions just short of Exermont. On Tuesday, October 1, the shattered remnants of the 140th—reduced to a quarter of those who had gone forward at Exermont, was relieved by the First Division.

KILLED AND WOUNDED

The War Department gives the following figures about the 140th: Killed or died of wounds, nine officers, 239 men; died of disease or other causes, one officer and 94 men; wounded severely, seven officers and 485 men; wounded slightly, 46 officers, 802 men; wounded, degree unknown, 188 men; total wounded and dead, 63 officers, 1808 men; captured by the enemy, two officers and 45 men; total casualties, killed and wounded, not including death from disease, 62 officers, 1714 men; total losses, 1823 officers and men—nearly fifty per cent of the authorized strength and perhaps seventy per cent of the actual front line strength.

After the Armistice, the regiment was quartered at Boncourt and Pont-sur-Meuse, near St. Mihiel. On Feb. 18, the 35th Division was reviewd by Gen. Pershing and the Prince of Wales. In April the regiment embarked from the port camp of St. Nazaire on the Nansemond, arriving at Newport News April 28.

DATA ON REGIMENT

Other information about the 140th Infantry:

Streamers authorized: World War—Alsasce, Lorraine, Meuse-Argonne.

Coat-of-arms: Approved May 17, 1927.

Shield: Azure, on a bond or two Loraine crosses of the field; in a dexter base of a seven-pointed star argent.

Crest: That for regiments of the Missouri National Guard, on a wreath or an azure, a grizzly bear standing rampant proper.

Motto: "Siempre Listo" (Ever Ready").

Description: The shield is blue for the infantry. The bend is from the arms of Lorraine, and the two Lorraine crosses are for the two major engagements of the organization during the World War; the seven-pointed star was the VII Corps badge during the Spanish War.

Hinton-McDaniel Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinton announce the marriage of their daughter, Wanda, to Willard McDaniel on October 27 at Bloomfield. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. S. Sercircir at the Baptist parsonage. Miss Aileen McCoy and Billy Beal attended the couple.

Mr. McDaniel is employed at the Sikeston Coca-Cola Bottling Works and Mrs. McDaniel has a position with the F. W. Woolworth Company.

Scout Sponsoring 'Magical Varieties'

Leroy the Great will present his "Magical Varieties of 1941" under the auspicies of the Boy Scouts of Sikeston at the Sikeston High School auditorium on Friday, Dec. 27, at 8 p. m.

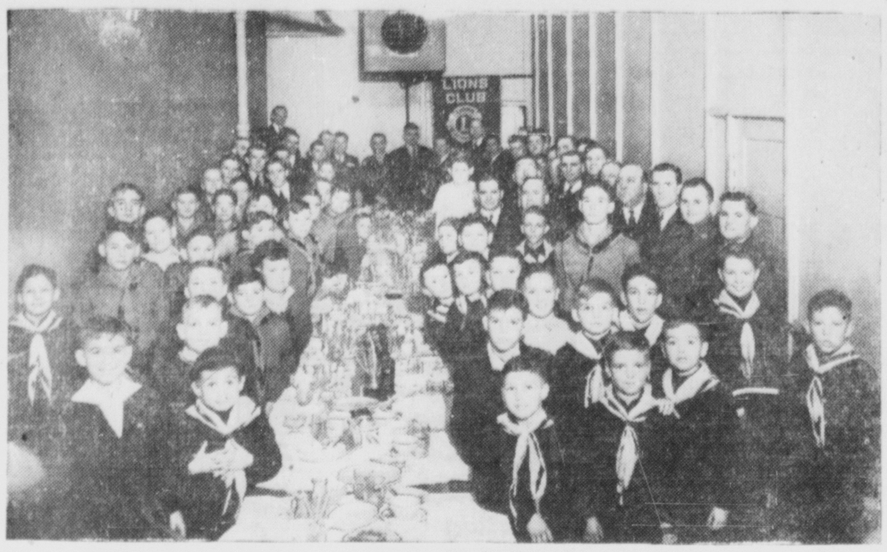
LeRoy features Doletta, the "world's tiniest entertainer," 59 years old and 28 inches tall; Charlie McCarthy's cousin, the wooden head and his voice, with Jean Mercer; and Mr. X, the "Radiomentalist."

Scouts of the three Sikeston troops are selling tickets for the performance.

DAUGHTER AND SON RETURNING FROM SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Fisher of Morehouse were in St. Louis Saturday to meet their daughter, Miss Helen, who attends Duke University, and their son, Cadet Roger Fisher of the U. S. Military academy at West Point, N. Y., who were returning home for the Christmas vacation.

LIONS CLUB HONORS TROOP 43 AT DINNER



Scouts of Troop 43 were guests last week at a dinner by the troop's sponsor, the Lions Club, at the Palace Cafe. There were 81 persons present, including the Lions, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. A speech on Scouting was given by Arthur Sherwood of St. Louis, long engaged in the program at that city, and awards were presented.

Man On Motorcycle Hurt in Crash

Lester York, 23, of Dexter, suffered a fractured left arm and broken bone in the foot in a collision of a motorcycle he was riding with an Illinois car near here early Monday morning. He was treated by Dr. T. C. McClure at the local hospital for the fractures and minor cuts. York, who works in Cape Girardeau, was en rote home and said his motorcycle glanced off the car, which was driven by an Illinois man.

Cars Collide West of City

A 1933 Ford coach driven by Leonard Morris, who lives east of city, collided with a 1936 Ford driven by Dewey Nichols of Morehouse, a short distance past the west sand hill about 4 a. m. Sunday. Morris received a broken arm, and Nichols received a fractured nose. A girl companion of Morris had a tooth knocked out.

Each driver believed the other was across the center stripe in the headon collision, Trooper V. P. Boisaubin said. They were treated at the Sikeston General Hospital. A man with Nichols was not hurt.

Death Claims Morehouse Woman

Mrs. Eva Mae Pryor, 36, died Sunday morning at 3:30 in the Sikeston General Hospital. An infant son also died.

Wife of John Pryor, farmer living two miles south of Morehouse, Mrs. Pryor was born August 1, 1904, at Clarksville, Tenn. She was active in the Baptist Church at Morehouse.

Surviving besides the husband are six brothers, Bill, Garrison, Charles, Babe and Frank Bryant, all of Morehouse.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Morehouse church, Rev. W. M. Parrott officiating, and interment with Welsh service was in Memorial Park.

TAKEN TO HOME

Mrs. Ima Throop of Randles, who was a patient at the Sikeston General Hospital, was taken in the Albritton ambulance Monday to the home of her father, south of city.

TRAIN STREWS $16,000 ALONG 4-MILE STRETCH

Mount Gilead, O. — Inhabitants between the villages of Cardington and Edison, west of here, thought today that Santa Claus had paid them an early visit this year.

An estimated $16,000 in currency was scattered for four miles along the right of way of the New York Central Railroad between the two towns when a mail sack burst.

Men, women and children combed the territory in a "gold rush" looking for about $1,000 of the "folding money" still missing. Railroad officials said most of the money was recovered by train crews before the public learned of the currency shower.

The sack, consigned to the First National Bank at Mount Gilead from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, broke when it was thrown from the train as it sped through Edison.

Guard Farewell Party Dec. 30

The farewell party sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary and civic organizations for Company K, which is leaving for training camp, will be held at the armory Monday night, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p. m.

U. S. District Attorney Harry Blanton of St. Louis will be the principal speaker, and the 140th Infantry Band of Chaffee, directed by Lieut. Oscar T. Honey, will play.

The public is invited and a special invitation is extended to families of the Guardsmen.

Thep rogram:

"Star Spangled Banner."

Invocation, Lieut. Col. Blount F. Davidson, chaplin of the 140th Infantry..

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Lieut. Honey.

Music by the band.

Address by District Attorney Blanton.

Instrumental music.

Remarks, C. H. Denman of Sikeston.

Remarks, Mayor G. W. Presnell.

"God Bless America," by the assemblage.

Benediction.

Dillon Theater Has First Anniversary

The Dillon Theatre of Morehouse is celebrating its first anniversary this week. Because of the occasion, the theatre is offering an exceptionally high class program, which also is in keeping with Christmas week. The theatre has manitained a high standard of entertainment since its opening.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Morning Worship at 10:45 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Redeeming The Time."

B. T. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Evening Worship at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Becoming Sons of God."

Prayer Service Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Plans are being made for a New Year's party at the church, with Rev. A. B. Cooper of Charleston as guest speaker.

Rev. E. W. Milner, pastor

PATIENT TO HOME

Mrs. Sid Schillig, who underwent a minor operation at the Sikeston General Hospital, was taken in the Ellise ambulance to her home on Lindley Avenue.

TO GREET YOU...

Just to wish you happiness and all that brings you cheer on Christmas Day, and every day of the coming year. May the blessings of a Merry Christmas follow you wherever you go throughout a Happy New Year.

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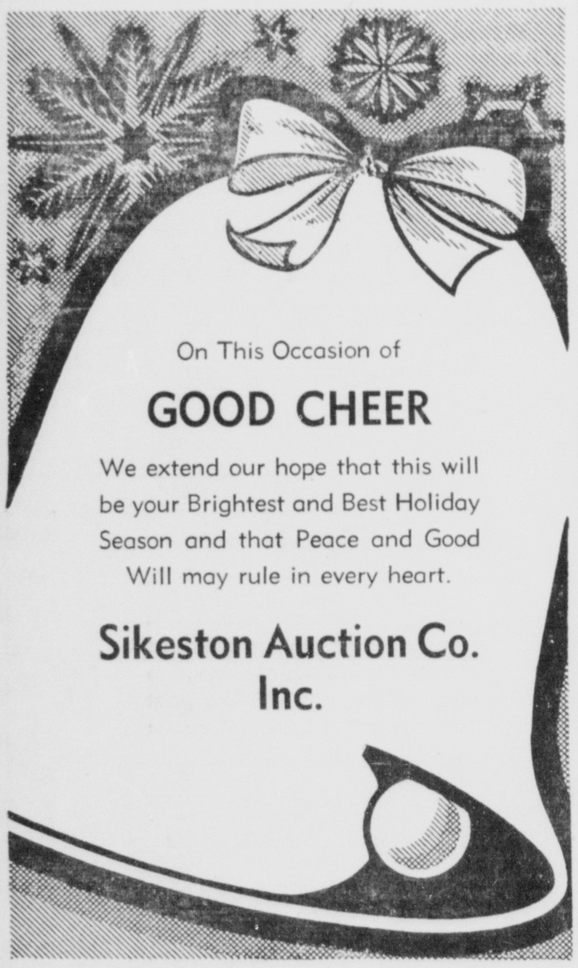

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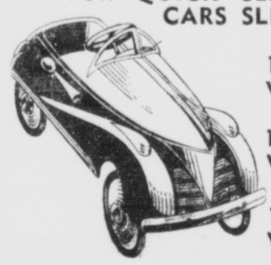

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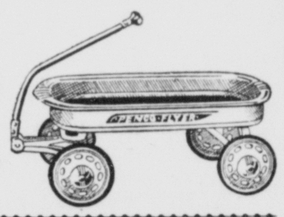

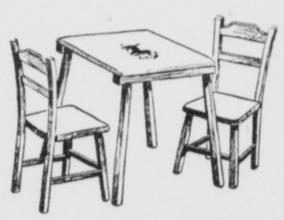

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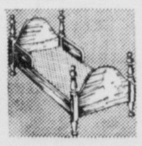

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The P. C. Editor Says:

Edward Edelen, who has been on The Standard staff in the capacity of reporter after three years severs his connection with this paper with this issue and will go to Florida in search of health. We are sorry to lose this young man as he is a high type gentleman in every respect and has rendered service of a high order to The Standard. Mr. Paul Bumburger, now with the Ames, Iowa, Tribune and who substituted for Edelen for a few weeks last summer will join The Standard staff January 2, 1941 and with Mrs. Bumbarger will make Sikeston their home. With Edelen goes the good wishes of the many friends he has made while a citizen of Sikeston and the entire Standard force wish him health, happiness and contentment wherever he goes.

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During the six months Mr. I. A. Myers has been in charge of The Standard subscription list there are but three subscribers who have not paid for the paper in advance in the city of Sikeston. The lists on rural routes and other communities are in almost as good condition. Soon after January 1, 1941, an auditor for the Circulation Audit Bureau will visit Sikeston to certify The Standard as a member of that Bureau of which there are but 25 country papers in the United States with paid up circulations.

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Democracy must work better in 1941 than it is working in 1940 if it is to justify claims American leaders make for it. The great defense program is 30 per cent behind schedule. Capital and Labor are subordinating the national welfare to their own petty quarrels. Unemployment continues at too high a level. Millions of people go hungry while an unprecedented surplus of food piles up. The time has come for the president to exercise his constitutional powers by declaring that a state of emergency exists, which would mean an end to partisan politics and an end to the horseplay that is making a mockery of commonsense in this country. Foolishness like Big Business is a party to at this time is what brought Democracy into disrepute in Europe. If Democracy cannot make jobs for the unemployed, furnish food for the hungry and induce industry to produce what is needed for the national defense, the masses cannot be blamed for rating it a failure. Now, as in 1933, the people want action. The administration at Washington must quit begging Capital and Labor to do their duty. It must give orders and enforce them.—Paris Appeal.

Those Were the Good Old Days . . Of the Groaning Table

"A Merry Christmas to All."

TABLE D'HOTE.

Mobile Bay (Plants) Oysters on the Half Shell:

SOUP.

Green Sea Turtle. New Orleans Gumbo.

FISH

Mackinaw Trout, boiled, Anchovy Sauce.

OYSTERS.

Raw Oysters. Escaloped Oysters. Oysters in Champagne.
Broiled Oysters. Oysters with Fine Herbs. Stewed Oysters.

Hot Relieves.

Turkey, Oyster Sauce. Back Bones and Turnips.
Leg of Young Lamb au Petit Pois. Venison Chops with Prunes.

Hot Entrees.

Les Filets de Boeuf, Braisee, aux Champignons.
Salmi of Prairie Grouse, with Spanish Olives.
Legs of Young Rabbits, Saute, a la Chasseur.
Hard Shell Crabs, Deviled, Maxwell House Style.
Charlotte of Apples, a la Parisienne. Sweet Breads, a l'Espagnole.
Lamb Tongues, with Puree of Green Peas.

Cold Side Dishes.

Les Cervelles de Veau, en Demi Deuil. French Mushrooms, en Aspic.
Boston Baked Pork and Beans. Sliced Boned Capon, Aspic Jelly.

Grosse Pieces Froide. (Ornamented.)

Boned Wild Boar's Head, a la Royale. Lobster Salad, a la Russe.
Boned Turkeys, Ornamented a la Maxwell House.
Galantine de Dinde, en Belle Vue.
Buffalo Tongues, Decorated Bridge Fashion.
Mayonaise de Volaille, au Celery. Ham, Decorated with Aspic Jelly
Aspick of Oysters, a la Francaise. Pate de Fois Gras, a la Strasbourg
Hart & Hensley's Spiced Round of Beef, en Sockle, Ornamented.

Hot Relishes.

Gigot d'Agnean, a la Provencale. Rice Croquette, Orange Flavor.
Les Petite Omelets, a la Parisienne. Small Patties, American Style.

Cold Relishes.

Cheese. Horse Radish. Celery. Cold Slaw. English Pickles.
Chow Chow. Spanish Olives. Worcestershire Sauce.
French Mustard. Hill's Home-made Chow Chow.

ROASTS.

Adam Coe's Xmas Beef, with Potato Croquettes.
Suckling Pig, a l'Anglaise. Loin of Veal, Madeira Sauce.
Hart & Hensley's (New) C. C. C. Hams, Champagne Sauce.
Young Capon, Giblet Sauce. Domestic Ducks, with Jelly.
Saddle of Kentucky South Down Mutton, with Red Currant Jelly.
Green Goose. Stuffed Young Turkeys.

GAME.

Leg of Cumberland Mountain Black Bear, Sauce Poivrade.
Tennessee Opossum, Baked with Sweet Potatoes, Old Virginia Style.
Kentucky 'Coon, Devil's Sauce. Roasted Quail, au Natural.
Saddle of Minnesota Venison, with Red Currant Jelly.
Canvas-back and Red-head Ducks. Blue-wing and Wood Ducks.
Rossted Wild Turkeys, with Cranberry Sauce. Wild Goose.
Young Prairie Chickens, Broiled, Steward's Sauce.
Broiled Pheasants, a la Maitre d'Hotel. Roasted Mallard Ducks.

Vegetables.

Baked Sweet Potatoes. French Green Peas. Stewed Tomatoes.
String Beans. Yarmouth Corn. Mashed Irish Potatoes.
French Asparagus, Butter Sauce. Oyster Plant. Succotash.

Pastry.

Mince Pie. New England Pumpkin Pie. Peach Tartlets.

Puddings.

English Plum Pudding, Sherry Wine Sauce. Indian Pudding, Cold Sauce.

Small Pastry.

Lady Cake. Wafer Jumbles. Jelly Drops. Yellow Cocoanut Drops.
Rosalind Cakes. Sliced Fruit Cake. Pound Cake.

Confections.

Peach Candy. Almond Drops. Peppermint Drops. Cream Bonbons.
English Walnut Bonbons. Gum Drops. Chocolate Caramels.
Rose Cream Almonds. Candy Mottoes. French Mixed Candies.

Ornamental Pieces.

Black Cake. Almond Macaroon Pyramid. Fruit Cake.
Lady Cake. Jelly Cake. Italian Marble Cake.

Jellies and Creams.

Charlotte Russe. Russian Jelly. Maraschino Jelly.
English Cream. Apple Brandy Jelly.

Fruits and Dessert.

Malaga Grapes. Almonds. Pecans. English Walnuts. Apples.
Figs. London Layer Raisins. Oranges in Sherry Wine. Green Gages.
California Apricots. Pears. Dates Pine Apples in Champagne.
Vanilla Ice Cream. Frozen Roman Punch. Bananas.

English Breakfast Tea. French Coffee.

Tax Collections to Run Ahead of Last Year

Despite the fact that delinquent collections are running well behind those of last year, indications at present are that Sikeston's tax collections will run slightly ahead of last year, City Collector Joe Mathis said Saturday with ten days until the end of the year.

The difference has been made up in real estate collections due to the additional assessments from new building here, he said.

For the first eleven months of this year, the office took in $35,-117, and for the same period of 1939 the result was $35,028, placing 1940 ahead by $88.

The total for last year was $46,-759.

Delinquent collections last year amounted to $2600, and in additional $822 was paid in interest on back taxes and $122 on clerk costs that also goes to the city, Mr. Mathis said. Returns in this bracket this year will amount to little more than half that of last year.

Results in back taxes were better last year because the City Council, in line with a new state law, passed an ordinance permitting the sale of delinquent property merely through advertising it, although the original owner had the privilege of redeeming his land in two years.

The maximum amount of taxes collectible, exclusive of licenses, is set at $32,710, or $1366 more than for last year, based on property assessments. This sum includes real estate, personal, merchants, bank, cemetery and poll taxes. For real estate alone, $19,-659 was levied for the current year, while $18,956 was charged in 1939. These amounts, in other words, represent what the city would take in if every cent of taxes were collected.

Due to the fact that assessments are made over a year in advance of tax levies, the mammouth stride in new building construction in Sikeston should influence tax collections even more next year.

DRAIN PIPES OF UNHEATED HOUSES TO PREVENT FREEZING

Owners of unheated and vacant houses are advised by plumbing and heating authorities to drain the water from plumbing fixtures, piping, and tanks in order to prevent freezing and damage.

One Meal in Four Free With Ad

Something different in getting a meal is offered by the B & N Cafe on Center Street.

With an ad appearing in this issue of The Standard, one person out of four dining at the cafe either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day can receive a free meal. The offer is made in the nature of a Christmas greeting by the cafe.

Give cotton Christmas gifts. They mean added prosperity for you and your neighbor.

Golden topping on an upside-down coffee cake is made of cooked or canned apricots, placed on top of the batter and sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon before the breakfasts is quick coffee cake baking. Prunes are good, too.

Rites Held for Mrs. Bertie Davis

Funeral services were held Friday at Cairo, with burial in the Oakdale Cemetery near Commerce, for Mrs. Bertie Moore Davis, 66, member of a early Scott County family, who died Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital, Cairo, of carcinoma.

Mrs. Davis was born at Commerce Feb. 27, 1874, and lived there until her marriage to Dr. Henry A. Davis in July, 1905. She moved then to Cairo and had lived there since. She was a daughter of the late Joseph H. and Anna Hunter Moore, early settlers in Scott County and was educated at Piedmont College at Nashville Tenn., and the Central Female College at Lexington, Mo. Her husband died in 1932.

Mrs. Davis is survived by one brother, Joe Moore of Cape Girardeau; three nephews, Albion Anderson and Marshall Moore of Commerce and Joe Haw Moore of St. Louis; four nieces, Mrs. Edward G. Grubb, Jr., of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Garland C. Brickey of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. Frances Kage of Arkansas and Mrs. Margery Soult of Cleveland, O.; two grandnieces; Miss Patricia Grubb of Miami, Fla., and Miss Henry Ann Clardy of St. Louis; two grandnephews, Charles Clardy of St. Louis and Paul A. Reardon Jr., of Cape Girardeau.

Good beginnings make good endings, so start the day with Apple Coffee Cake for breakfast. Apple slices sprinkled with brown sugar and cinnamon and baked on top of quick coffee cake batter are a taste-worthy way of using winter's abundance of apples.

To Start on New REA Line In 30 Days

Construction on the third major project of the Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi County Co-operative Association should start in about thirty days, when a hundred miles of the 260-mile project has been staked by the engineering firm, E. T. Archer & Co. of Kansas City, according to H. M. Zaricor, superintendent.

At present seventy-six miles have been staked, in Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid and Stoddard counties, as well as a small strip in the lower Cape Girardeau-Bollinger county area, he said.

49 BRANCHES

There will be forty-nine separate spurs in the 260 miles, for which the Rural Electrification Administration has alloted $270,-000. These spurs range from thirty-eight miles to a half-mile. Of the 260 miles, 209 are primary lines and the remainder secondary and service connections.

Once the contractor, the Ferguson-Diehl Construction Co. of Jefferson, Ia., begins, it will have a hundred working days to complete the project, so that the various branches should be completed in May, bringing the total mileage to nearly seven hundred.

TWO PROJECTS BUILT

On the two main projects already completed, the Co-operative has 1091 customers, or stockholders. For the original line of 176 miles, in Scott, Mississippi and New Madrid counties, the REA allotted $157,000. For extensions for the first line in the three counties, as well as branches into Stoddard County, totaling 208 miles, an additional $198,000 was allotted, bringing the mileage to 384. The system now has 422 miles, the extra thirty-eight miles being built by crewmen of Mr. Zaricor.

PAYING OFF LOAN

The Co-operative is paying off its loans from the REA at the rate of approximately a thousand dollars a month. Last August, the Co-operative paid an extra $6000, or six months' prepayment, and it is likely another pre-payment will be made in January, Mr. Zaricor said. By making the advance payments, the association is reducing the amount of principal drawing interest, and will eventually be free of the debt much earlier than expected originally.

CRAFFEE CIVIC LEADER DIES OF INJURIES

Funeral services were held at Chaffee Sunday for Edwin N. Hart, 33, Chaffee community leader and utilities manager, who died early Friday in a Cape Girardeau hospital of a skull fracture incurred in a motor mishap a week before. Manager of the Missouri Utilities Co. at Chaffee, Mr. Hart also was president of the Rotary Club, member of the Boy Scout committee, member of the Ben Hur Lodge, city treasurer and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Greetings

From These Merchants of Sikeston

Defense Causes Farm Problem

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21.—The Midwest has a refugee problem—what to do with people crowded off their land by booming defense work.

President Roosevelt said long ago new munitions factories should be located inland, away from the coasts that would bear the first shock of attack.

The government took over the first land in October. The whole thing—totaling some 250,000 acres—must be vacated by March 1.

MASS MIGRATION

This means that in little more than four months, more than 11,000 persons—in about 2500 farm families—must move, many of them in the dead of winter and some on a week's notice. This estimate is from the Farm Security Administration.

They must find new places to live—farms, or homes in city or town or village where they can stay until they can get farms. They must take along their farm implements and horses and cattle and hogs and chickens. If they have no place to put them, they must sell them.

Houses, barns and churches must be torn down. In some places, coffins must be transferred from cemetery to cemetery and family graveyards over a century old wiped out.

REGION HEADQUARTERS

The Farm Security Administration has been given the job of seeing that these crowded-out families have some place to go.

This work centers in the agency's Region 3 Office here, headquarters for Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

In the farming sections which industry is taking over, the FSA questions the uprooted families to see whether they want to keep on farming, to take employment in the factories or to retire.

It opens offices to keep these families posted on their rights and help them find farms or houses to buy or rent.

If a farmer wants to hold on to his live stock, it arranges for him to board it out until he is settled again.

If he wants to sell it, the FSA encourages him to pool it with the live stock of other farmers for a big sale that will draw buyers from far away and bring good prices.

The biggest piece of Midwestern farmland being turned over to industry is 65,000 acres in the Ozark mountains near Rolla, Mo., to be used for a cantonment and artillery range. Here 400 to 500 families must move.

In Ripley, Jefferson and Jennings Counties in Indiana, near Madison on the Ohio River, 60,000 acres are being converted into an army ordinance proving ground and 500 families must find new homes.

A track of 41,000 acres of Illinois farmland in Will County on the Des Plaines River near Joliet, where 300 families live, is to become the site of powder and shell loading factories.

Other locations and the number of acres and families involved:

Portage County, Ohio, munitions factory, 21,000 acres, 294 families; St. Charles County, Mo., TNT factory, 20,000 acres, 255 families; Jackson County, Mo., numerous small plants, 5000 to 6000 acres, 400 to 500 families.

Des Moines County, Ia., shell loading factory, 20,000 acres, 200 families; La Porte County, Ind., shell loading factory, 13,000 acres, 85 families, and Clark County, Ind., powder factory, 5000 to 6000 acres, 45 families.

Dairyman Hear Talk on Herd's Winter Problems

Ten dairymen met with M. J. Regan, Dairy Specialist of the Missouri University College of Agriculture in the Dunn Hotel at Sikeston last Tuesday to discuss problems in connection with winter feeding and management of the dairy herd.

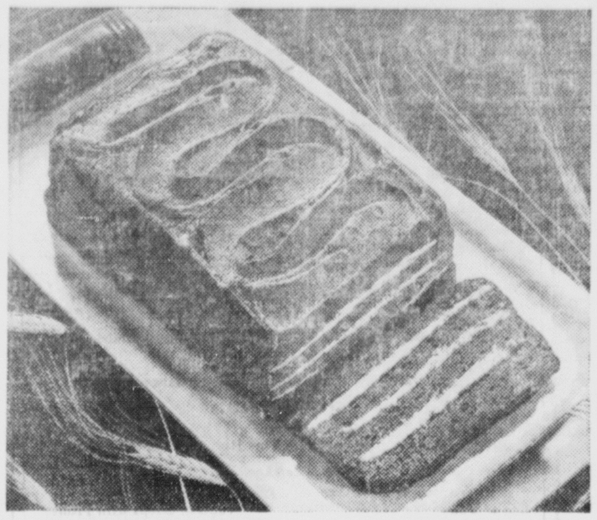
According to Mr. Regan, the outlook on dairying and dairy products for the near future is good. Missouri could profitably use the products from 1,040,000 cows; we now have 970,000 cows. Dairy cows will therefore continue at a higher price. Dairy equipment is expected to be 50 per cent higher by the fall of 1941 than in 1940; any barn building or re-modeling should not be delayed longer. Barn remodeeling is to be favored over any new construction.

Since better breeding is the basis for increasing milk and butter production of the cows in this area dairymen present agreed upon the idea that establishing 6 or 7 good bulls with good records to be exchanged between dairymen would be a definite and efficient approach to improvement in the area.

Some other pertinent facts discussed at the meeting concerned time of harvest of hay and pasture. Alfalfa should be harvested when one-tenth in bloom to contain the most nutrients. Soybean hay is best for milk production when harvested at the time the beans are beginning to get hard in the pod. Pastures grazed down every 3 weeks return the most dollars in the milk pail. Lespedeza develops tannin, in the leaves just before seed formation and is therefore not suited for dairy cow pasture after that time; this tannin causes cows to fail sharply in milk production.

A good cow normally rekuires 20 pounds of grain and 100 pounds of good hay to produce 100 pounds of milk. The kind of hay to be fed determines the per cent protein needed in the ration. If the roughage is corn stover, fodder, atlas sorge or some other non-legume the ration should contain 16.5 per cent digestable protein; if the roughage is part non-legumes and part legume, (soybean, cowpeas, lespedeza, clover or alfalfa) the ration should contain 12.5 per cent digestable protein; if the roughage is all legume the ration may contain 8.5 per cent protein. The better the roughage the less protein is required.

The next dairy meeting on common dairy cow diseases and their treatments will be held in February with Dr. Uren leading the discussion. Later announcements of this meeting will be given.



If You Like Chocolate, Try This!

Sponge cake is one of the most wholesome family desserts our master chefs have yet devised. It is just about "tops' in the field from the standpoint of popularity.

Had you heard the criticism that sponge cake somtimes lacks a definite flavor, that it is apt to be dry because it is made without shortening? To remedy these possible faults, you doubtless have your own favorite formula—splitting the cake in layers, spread with lemon or other custard-type filling; or serving it with sauces or fruits of some kind.

Here is one varietion of the basic sponge cake recipe, however, which is sweet and rich and moist, and thoroughly satisfactory as a dessert for any kind of function; it calls for chocolate in the cake itself, a whipped cream filling, and a smooth mocha frosting—the final, perfect touch of flavor.

The recipe is practically "foolproof," if you can be sure of an absolutely uniform temperature during the baking. And on that score the oven of your modern electric range will guarantee perfection—for the heat is so occurately controlled that even this thin sheet of cake will bake and brown beautifully without any worry about watching or turning the pan. Controlled, moist heat in the ovens of these new ranges will keep your cake from drying out. Just put the cake into your preheated oven with the electric thermostat set at 350°, and set the timer to remind you when the cake is done. You'll have a dessert cake that will truly melt in your mouth, and will be the boast of your family.

CHOCOLATE TIER CAKE

6 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
4 eggs (separated)
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
¾ cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon confectioner's sugar

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together 3 times. Beat egg whites until stiff, and fold in sugar. Fold in well beaten egg yolks and vanilla. Then fold in dry ingredients, gradually. Add chocolate, and mix carefully. Pour into well-greased jelly roll pan (11x16 in.) Bake in a moderate oven with the electric themostate set at 350°, for about 15 minutes. Turn out on damp cloth. Cut off crisp edges of the cake, and cool. Cut cake in quarters, and put together with sweetened whipped cream between the layers. Cover top and sides with Mocha Frosting.

Frosted Coffee Cake is perfect flavor-mate to breakfast coffee. Spread the hot-from-the-oven coffee cake with a simple icing made of teaspoon grated orange rind in the icing gives a delicate tang. Chopped nuts sprinkled over the frosting add a glamour note.

GIRL WRITES GOD, CARE OF HEAVEN, U. S. A.

Richmond, Ind., December 21.—A letter addressed to "God, Heaven, U. S. A.," and was signed "A Little Girl Who Says Her Prayers Every Night," was found in a mailbox here.

"Dear God," the childish scrawl beseeched, "forgive me for all the bad things I've done during the past and please make mother well because I am not happy when mother is sick.

"I wish mother and daddy lived together. But I guess if mother does not love daddy she cannot live with him. I sorta think daddy still loves mother though.

"Well, I have to get to my school work. A Merry Christmas to You and all angels."

There are 4896 "talkie" theaters and only one silent picture theater in England. The latter is located at Manchester.

When Old Man Winter starts getting huffy, slinging snow and ice over the highways, don't become excited, motorists. Just sit tight! In no time at all, the highway snow patrol will appear out of nowhere and will send the old codger spinning!

If an army of 2,000 men and over 600 snow plows mean anything at all, Missouri's highways are going to remain open and passable during the winter months.

In nine of the ten highway division garages six hundred and ten snow plows wait, ready to take to the road at the shot of a gun. Ninety-four of these are new machines, bought last July.

Big Bertha, the one and only giant rotary plow in the state, is also in the pink of condition. Purchased four years ago and kept in the highway garage at St. Joseph, this machine has only been on the highway five times. But don't let this fool you; Bertha still has what it takes! Should the occasion arise, she can plow through drifts ten feet high with the ease of a hot knife cutting butter.

Three hundred and sixty-eight miles of red picket snow fence will keep at least part of the snow from highways. Counties in the northwestern part of the state—where charts show the greatest snow-fall—have 350 feet of snow fence per mile. Counties in Division 9, in the south-central part of Missouri, have only 3.3 feet per mile.

Mother Nature will aid the Highway Department in her own little way, also. As an experiment, maintenance men planted three acres of bush cherry trees in Boone County last spring, to serve the same pupose as a snow fense.

Cinders, chat and calcium chloride will make the icy spots safe. Two hundred train car loads of cinders which are heaped along the main highways at regular intervals will be scattered over the roadway by means of an automatic cinder-spreader, an invention of a highway employee in Macon.

Main routes, which used to take three or four weeks to thaw out, can now be cleared in four hours.

Planned action and modern equipment are the factors responsble for this improvement. Snow campaigns are planned as early as mid-summer. Books with complete instructions to every member of the crew, are out in October. And when the big machine actually roars into action, it makes a blitzkrieg look like slow motion!

All of this means but one thing—traffic must go through! "Keep the Roads Open" is the one purpose of the snow patrol. They'll do it—brother—or know the reason why!

HONOR TO H. J. BLANTON

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 7.—H. J. Blanton, editor of the Monroe County Appeal, has been a member of the University of Missouri board of curators for twenty years. Now he is an alumnus of the institution.

Blanton was made an honorary alumnus at a banquet of the Hannibal Alumni association today. The honor was conferred by Baxter Bond, association president, who cited the recipient as an editor and a curator. Blanton received a medal of honor for distinguished service last spring during the university's Journalism week.

President Frederick A. Middlebush of the university was the main speaker at today's luncheon.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

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Happy New Year

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New Year

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OUR FRIENDS

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BEST WISHES

for the New Year

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You're still certain of getting a choice selection—If there is someone you've forgotten—remember we have it.

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DECEMBER 25th

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Questions and Answers

Q. In building a house, couldn't I save money by supporting the chimney on a wood bracket attached to a wall rather than building the masonry clear to the ground?

A. Construction of this kind would be unwise and would constitute a severe fire hazard. Any sagging of the suporting bracket would open the joints in the brickwork and might cause the chimney to fall. Chimneys should be self-supporting, having their own foundations on solid ground and so constructed as to be independent of the house framing.

Q. I want ceiling height book shelves in my new house. Can you help me in the planning of these shelves?

A. Adjustable book shelves supported by pins at the end of the shelf are desirable. These pins are usually spaced one inch apart vertically so that a variety of shelf heights is possible. Shelves need not be more than eight or nine inches deep unless large books are to be housed. Shelves are usually made of three-quarter-inch material and should not exceed two feet six inches in unsupported length. Since shelves below a two-foot six-inch height are not very convenient, the space below this height might be made deeper if desired to accommodate large books laying flat.

Q. What information can you give me about the use of metal lath?

A. Metal lath provides a durable base for plaster and is especially desirable under stucco and waterproof surfacing in bathrooms. Metal lath is available in different types and weights for various purposes. For use under stucco, metal lath may be either zinc-coated or galvanized and for interior work either painted or galvanized. Ceilings and exterior work call for a heavier weight lath than side walls.

When applying the lath, sheets should lap at least one inch on the sides and ends and be fastened on six or eight-inch centers. If self-furring lath is not used, do not fasten the lath tight against the face of the framework to which it is attached. Instead, use a type of nail which will hold the lath one-quarter to three-eighths inch away so that the lath can be completely embedded in the plaster and afford good reinforcement.

Cotton Seed Can Be Dropped Like Corn With New Process

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A small, one-story plant in Kannett, Mo., is turning out two to three tons an hour of cotton seed treated by a new process which, the operators believe, may revolutionize the planting and growing of cotton.

Cotton seed normally is coated with a tightly clinging lint which makes mechanical planting difficult and which carries many of the plant diseases which destroy about 25 per cent of the crop each year.

In the Kennett plant, operated by the Cottonseed Delinting Corporation of St. Louis, the lint is removed by a sulphuric acid bath and the seed is dusted with a mercury compound to protect it from soil-borne diseases. The finished seeds, instead of being fuzzy, look like smooth, brown coffee berries.

ADVANTAGES CLAIMED

The advantages claimed for the processed seed are these:

Fuzzy seeds cling together, and therefore must be planted in a continuous row. When the plants come up, laborers must go along the rows with sharpened hoes "chopping" out smaller plants and leaving only strong plants at intervals of 18 to 26 inches. The processed seeds can be "hill dropped" like corn, at regular intervals, eliminating the necessity for chopping except to remove weeds in a wet season.

Plant diseases carried in the lint or on the surface of the seed are eliminated by the acid, and the mercury dust coating protects the plant from soil-borne diseases.

Removal of the lint causes the seeds to germinate more rapidly. Cotton can be planted later and harvested earlier.

Seeds can be graded by a flotation process in which inferior seeds come to the top and are removed before planting.

The yield per acre is increased by 10 to 40 per cent.

The processed seed retails at 8 to 10 cents a pound, as compared with 3 to 6 cents for a good grade of fuzzy seeds. The cost per acre to plant the processed seeds is the same or less, however, since only about 40 per cent as many seeds are required.

The process being used at the Kennett plant was developed by Dr. J. G. Brown, head of the department of plant pathology at the University of Arizona. The Cottonseed Delinting Corporation has a license for exclusive use of the process east of the Rio Grande River, and the Corneli Seed Co. of St. Louis is the distributor for the territory.

COMPANY STATEMENT

Earl M. Page, president of the seed company, explained that experiments with acid and mechanical delinting process have been carried on for about 20 years, and disinfecting seeds with a mercury compound is a common practice. Only with the machinery developed by Dr. Brown, however, can both steps be performed mechanically and economically, in a continuous process requiring about 20 minutes, Page said.

"The Kennett plant began operation last March," Page said, "and about 600 farmers in Southeast Misouri used the seed last year. We will have the plant on a 24-hour-a-day basis before the planting season this spring, a new plant in Pine Bluff, Ark., will begin operating about Jan. 15, and eventually there probably will be about 15 plants scattered throughout the South.

"If these seeds are widely used, they may have an important effect upon the labor problem. At present cotton planters need a number of laborers for the chopping in the spring and the picking in the fall, and these laborers are largely idle during the rest of the year.

"Processed seeds will eliminate the necessity for chopping, and if the mechanical cotton picker is commercially successful, as many experts believe it is, the labor required for picking will also be reduced.

"There would undoubtedly be a temporary problem created by the displacement of the seasonal labor, but the ultimate effect should be a beneficial stabilization of cotton labor."

What's New in Cooking
by Gertrude Dent

Something to Crow About

ACCORDING to nature's calendar of production, the spring of the year is the season when our friend the hen lays more and better eggs.

But we don't need to worry, these days, about a "season" for eggs, for modern methods of storing eggs in refrigerated warehouses are so efficient that not even the vitamin content of the egg is diminished. As the supply becomes more constant, so does price. But even if their cost rockets once in a while during the winter to come, try to allow one egg per day for your children as health insurance, whether you cook them "straight" or in a custard, egg sauce, or plain sponge cake.

For each egg is a fragile, tiny package filled completely with high-value food—every constituent necessary to build body-protein in an easily digestible form; vitally important minerals; and every vitamin in the alphabet with the exception of Vitamin C.

Eggs provide an especially rich source of Vitamin A—the growth vitamin which builds health and resistance to infections of the mucous membranes and respiratory tract; of Vitamin B, which is essential to the normal functioning of the nervous system and digestive tract; of Vitamin D, the indispensable sunshine vitamin we all must have in winter. No wonder doctors tell us eggs are not only "protectors" but also positive builders of health and well-being!

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"You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs," says an old proverb. And if breaking eggs is a nightmare to you, try doing it this way: Break the eggs, one at a time, into a saucer or cup; remove the yolk with a tablespoon and slide the white into its proper bowl or saucer before breaking the next egg. This way, if you happen to break one yolk into the white, you won't ruin the other whites already separated.

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Speaking of "making an omelet," here is a recipe for a fluffy omelet using cracker crumbs, which will prove a valuable addition to your menu files. It is irresistably cheap to begin with; the cracker crumbs take the place of an egg or two in this omelet; it is wholesome and tasty, and very, very good; and use of the cracker crumbs gives the omelet enough "body" so that you won't need to be afraid it will fall.

Cracker Omelet
(Serves 5-6)

¾ cup milk (scalded)
½ cup cracker crumbs
½ teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 tablespoon butter
4 eggs (separated)

Pour milk over cracker crumbs, seasonings, and butter. Cool. Beat egg yolks until very light, and pour the milk and cracker mixture over them, stirring constantly. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry, and fold into the first mixture. Pour into hot buttered frying pan. Cook slowly for 15-18 minutes, with the switch turned to fourth position. Place in modern oven, with electric thermostat set at 350°, for about 5 minutes, to dry the top. Cut part way through the center, fold, and slip onto hot platter.

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No matter how you decide to cook your eggs, whether fried, or poached, or boiled, or in an omelet or souffle, a custard or a sauce—there is one "must." You *must* cook them slowly! That is why the modern electric range is such a boon to the woman who wants perfect results: because accurate electric temperature control means you can cook your eggs over such a low heat that there is no danger of scorching or "curdling," and no danger, either, of the low flame going out. You can even make custards without a double boiler, on the surface unit of an electric range.

Oddities

Q. Suppose you see you are going to meet another car face to face, with a head-on crash. What is the safest thing to do? Will you . . . . . .

(a) Put your hands over your face, and brace your feet against the floor.

(b) Try to open the car door and jump out.

(c) Steer off the highway, duck under the cowl of your automobile and let her doll!

Q. The "shoulder of the road" is that portion of road, found in the center of the highway.

True False

ANSWERS

(c) This is what test drivers advise in case of head-on crash danger.

False. Shoulders is the part of roadway, bordering on the slab.

LARGE CROWD AT ANNUAL LA FORGE PLAY

A crowd that packed the building witnessed the annual portraying the year's progress at the La Forge resettlement project Friday night at the new school of the project. The theme concerned a stranger that returned to the project and how a lapsing community spirit was revived. Skits concerned the schooling, impersonated persons in the project office and store, and some of the families on the land. There was music on the program also.

Girls possessing keen eyesight are more capable at spotting flaws in tin plate than are men.

To each customer we'd like to give our Christmas greetings in person—but since we can't we do our best in this way.

CONOCO SERVICE STATION
Steve Schroff—Gene Aufdenberg

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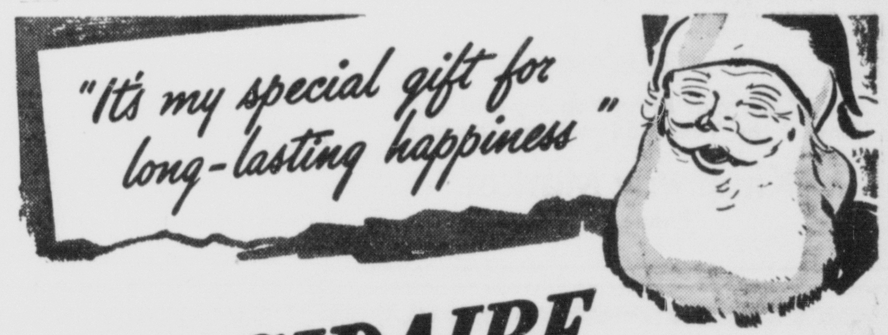


FRIGIDAIRE Electric Range

Now at the lowest price ever asked for a cabinet model range with all these features

JUST LOOK AT THIS FOR VALUE

- Cooking Top Lamp
- Automatic Time Signal
- All-Porcelain Finish
- Thermizer Well-Cooker
- Automatic Oven Heat Control
- Speed-Heat cooking units with 5 speeds
- Big Twin-Unit Oven
- High-Speed Broiler
- Sliding adjustable shelves

—plus many other quality features.

For that very important person you want a very special gift. Here is your happy choice. A beautiful, gleaming white porcelain Frigidaire Electric Range that gives the finest of cooking results—speedily, thriftily. A range packed with features you wouldn't expect at the price. The small down payment is no more than you would pay for an ordinary gift! Do you really want to thrill her this Christmas? Then come in and see this cooking sensation.

SEE A DEMONSTRATION NOW!

Ten minutes at this range will convince you that it is an extraordinary gift—the kind of a gift she'll appreciate most. See it today!

THE LAIR COMPANY
That Interesting Store
Our 43rd Year in S. E. Missouri Phone 150—Sikeston

CHRISTMAS CHEER

YEAR AFTER YEAR

December 1940

Dear Customer:

As we approach the Holiday Season and come to the end of an active year, our thoughts turn to those who have traveled the road with us—"Our Customers." Appreciating the good friendship and excellent co-operation that you have given us throughout the year, this seems to be an opportune time to say "Thank You." We want you to regard this little message as a personal acknowledgment of your co-operation, your loyal helpful spirit. It is this friendship and loyalty that has made it possible for us to enjoy more thoroughly this wonderful Christmas Season. Thank you sincerely and may you have a joyful Holiday Season. It is our personal hope thta the New Year will bring you a full measure of health, happiness, and prosperity.

Sincerely—

Russell Walker, Ernest Inman, John Halter, Irene Walker, Chas. Miller.

North End Grocery and Market

We hope that you may have a Christmas filled and running over with the good things in life, including good health, happiness and abiding prosperity. Come in and See Me.

CITY BARBER SHOP
Luther Stropp

TO EVERYONE

As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence have been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, that this will be a most happy occasion for you and yours.

PEPSI-COLA
Distributor and Salesmen

Scott Farm Leaders, Ag College, Sign 1941 Agreement

That the University of Missouri College of Agriculture representatives, the Scott County Farm Bureau, the Home Economics Council, President and Vice President, Members of the County Court, in a joint meeting last Friday afternoon, signed the Memorandum of Agreement for 1941. The following program was carried out:

1. Roll call.

2. Reading of minutes of last Memorandum meeting, as well as of the last monthly meeting.—Mrs. Ernest Hanselman, Acting Secretary of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

3. Reading of Memorandum of Agreement—Mrs. C. C. Hearne, State Extension Agent.

4. Discussion of the highlights of the adjusted county program and 1941 plans—Ella Fikuart, and Leon M. Lane, County Agent.

5. Recommendations by State Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Amy Kelly, of County Extension Agent and Home Demonstration Agent for 1941. Motion by board approving Ella Fikuart, Home Demonstration Agent and Leon M. Lane, County Extension Agent for 1941.

6. Financial report showing funds spent and yet available for expenditure for 1941.—Mr. Alwin G. Gasser, Treasurer of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

7. Report of the Budget Committee by Carl O. Luper, Committee Chairman. The Budget approved and plans were made to secure funds.

8. Approval by board of the Memorandum of Agreement.

9. Discussion and application of the analysis guide for sponsoring organizations led by Otto S. Dibold, President of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

10. Events and activities of sponsoring organization for 1941.—Mr. Carl O. Luper, Vice President of the Scott County Farm Bureau.

Rare to Well Done

Though our father frequently brought home guests for meals without warning to us, there was one famous occasion when he phoned ahead. Our Danish girl, Johnanna, took the message and turned from the phone with alarm in her voice.

"He is on the way this minute with four hundred men!"

Even our tranquil mother, Mary Bertha, was a little disquieted. Four hundred men! It didn't seem possible! We mistrusted Johanna's grasp of English but she stuck to her story.

Johanna had a big pot of lobsit, and hated the idea of dividing it, and haed the idea of dividing it with four hundred others, but there seemed no alternative. So when father appeared later with only four guests, we were much relieved.

Mary Bertha was, too. Father must have noticed her expression as she met him at the door, for he asked defensively.

"You knew I was coming, didn't you? I sent word I'd be here with four hungry men.'

Four hungry men! Well, no matter how ravenous, they'd be easier to feed than four hundred! And Johanna's lobscouse met the emergency. (We have reduced it here for a family of six.)

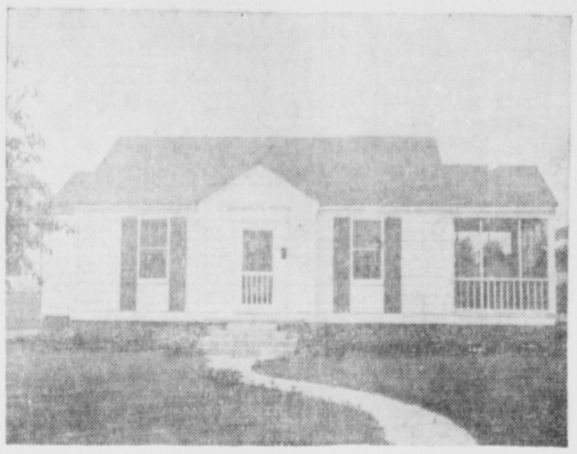
LOBSCOUSE

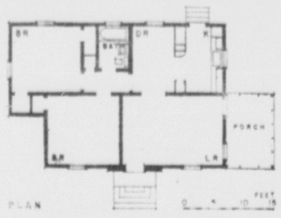
1 lb. boiled beef (lean)
1 tablespoon butter
1 lb. lean pork (steak)
1 bay leaf
1 onion
1 lb. potatoes (raw)
1 quart water
Salt and pepper to taste
2 sprigs parsley

Cut pork into 2-inch cubes. Fry in butter until light brown. Add water, potatoes (cubed), onion, parsley, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Boil 15 minutes. Add cubed beef. Boil briskly until potatoes are done. Stir occasionally.

Johanna's lobscouse, like the five loaves and two fishes, fed more than we had planned for, but when the meal was over and we "took up the fragments—that remained," there were not "twelve baskets full." It's no miracle—just good plain Danish stew.

Monthly Payments Under FHA Total $16 On This House





Many of the elements which produce safe, sanitary, comfortable, and convenient living accommodations are combined in this small house. A maximum amount of usable space has been obtained for a minimum amount of money and the result is a compact unit which should meet the requirements of a family of average size and means. Valued at $3,000, the property was financed with a 25-year mortgage of $2,700 insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments amount to about $16, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance.

LAND OF COTTON AND OF LIVESTOCK

On the cotton farmers and ranches of the South and Southwest, thousands of boys have entered into a new year of Vocational Agriculutre training. Upon these young men—and their coworkers in 4-H Clubs—rests much of the future of cotton, and the Cotton Belt benefits, and will benefit in the future, from the training for leadership which they are receiving from Vocational Agriculture Teachers and County Agents.

Cotton and livestock go hand-in-hand in the training and thinking of these future leaders in the land of cotton. "Balanced Farming" is more than a phrase for them—it is a basic practice around which they build their work. They know the value of cotton to the South, and study and make use of the feed products of cottonseed to blend cotton and livestock production. They use livestock production to build a more stable, more profitable system of cotton production; and coton furnishes them with essential feeds in balanced rations for livestock.

In recognition of the important contributions that 4-H Club members and Future Farmers are making, cotton oil mills of the South have dedicated their new "1941 Feeding Practices" bulletin to these boys and girls and their leaders. Just released by the Educational Service of the National Cottonseed Products Association, the new bulletin contains many photographs of Southern boys and girls and their livestock. The pictures illustrate practical feeding information for beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goats, horses and mules, hogs, chickens and turkeys.

Local cotton oil mills throughout the Cotton Belt, from the Carolinas to California, have made the publication of this bulletin possible by their membership in their National Association, and are furnishing copies of the bulletin, without charge, to young and old livestock raisers.

In classrooms and on farms and ranches, thousands of copies of this feeding bulletin are going to work to help livestock raisers with their everyday feeding problems, and to help them make the South a "land of cotton and of livestock."

ORANGE SUGAR LOAF

COLD crisp mornings call for breakfasts that supply energy to battle the winds and help do the day's work. Tender, light, and glistening proudly with orange icing and chopped citron and nuts, Orange Sugar Loaf encourages taking time for breakfast.

The mixture of milk, sugar, yeast and flour is allowed to rise before the rest of the ingredients are added. Or, all of the ingredients may be combined at once, and then the batter allowed to rise once before being poured into the pan.

ORANGE SUGAR LOAF

1 cup milk
3 tablespoons sugar
1 cake compressed yeast
3 cups sifted flour
2 tablespoons grated orange rind
2 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons melted butter

Scald milk and add 2 tablespoons of the sugar. Cool to lukewarm, and add crumbled yeast, flour and orange rind. Beat until smooth. Cover and let rise until light (about 1 hour). Add beaten eggs, salt, butter, and 1 tablespoon sugar. Mix well into stiff batter. Pour into greased loaf pan and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 45 to 50 minutes. Cover with Orange Icing (see below). Yield: 1 loaf.

Orange Icing

2 tablespoons orange juice
1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons chopped citron
2 tablespoons chopped nuts

Add orange juice to sugar until it is soft enough to spread. Spread generously over baked loaf. Mix citron and nuts, and sprinkle over top.

53 Sundays in Year

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.—Philadelphia Inquirer.
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Old-Time New Year Serious

Oldtime New England was serious on New Year's, as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Fainting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions and objections: As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

Chinese New Year's Greeting

The Chinese New Year's greeting is "Sui-hi," or "May joy be yours."

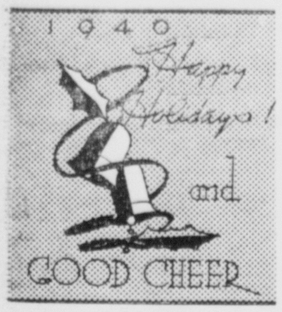
The silencing of Axis radio stations is a familiar precaution against guiding the British Royal Air Force. Rome virtually has escaped air alarms since Italy entered the war six months ago.

College Students Spending Holiday Vacations at Home

Members of the college crowd who have arrived home to spend the Christmas vacation are Miss Gwendolyn Kirk, Miss Ruth Hollingsworth, Miss Mary Lou Schroff, Miss Vondalea Lufcy, Miss Lois Hahs and John Dover from Central College at Fayette, Mo.; Miss Eleanor Righter and Marvin Rayburn, Washington University, St. Louis; Miss Mary Jane Sikes and Miss Mary Emma Allen, Stephens College, Columbia; Edward Matthews, Westminister College, Fulton, Mo., Bob Matthews, Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.; Miss Jane Greer, Sullins, Bristod, Va.; Miss Peg Donnell, Miss Eleanor Harty, Charles Tanner, Charlie McMullin, Virgil Vaughn, Loomis Mayleld, Jr., and Jean Klein, Missouri University, Columbia, Mo., Miss Betty Jo Gross, Christian College, Columbia; Miss Catherine Ann Cook, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, O.; Byron Smith, Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., Ross Hunter, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., Shad Old, Ohio State University, Columbus; Miss Helen Vera Dudley, Miss Mary Louise Montgomery, Miss Emily Kendall, Bobby Montgomery, Paul David Allen, Miss Mary Waldman, Miss Mary Helen Wagner, Billy Golladay, Paul Bowman, Miss Mary Dixon Proctor, Miss Electa Shankle, Miss Mary Emma Waller, Elwood Taylor, Billy Van Arsdale, John Ponder, Fonnie Swaim, and Albert Ancell Waggener, of Teachers College, Cape Girardeau; Miss Nina Vern Taylor, Business college, Cape Girardeau; Moore Greer, Jr., Sunflower, Miss., and Joe Dover, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

More than 10,000 retail merchants of the Cotton Belt cooperated to make the 1939 Cotton Christmas program a major merchandising success. The National Cotton Council estimates that approximately 20,000 retailers from every section of the country will participate in the 1940 program "to make this a Cotton Christmas."

More than 500 species of plants have been listed in Death Valley, Calif.



Is Our Wish For All

IDEAL
BARBER SHOP
J. W. Carmody and Sons

Our Very Best Wishes!

For Christmas!
May you and yours enjoy all the enjoyment that this merriest of holidays can bestow!

For New Year's!
May you and yours enjoy a full measure of health, wealth, and happiness on this day!

May Christmas Bring You Joy and Each Day of the Year Add to Your Pleasure!

Kingsway Market
Phone 252

The whole world is kin

AT THIS GLAD SEASON OF THE YEAR

and we take this occasion to tell you that it will be our purpose to strive to the best of our ability, to maintain the spirit of the season throughout the coming year.

Sikeston Lumber Company

Santa Won't Forget

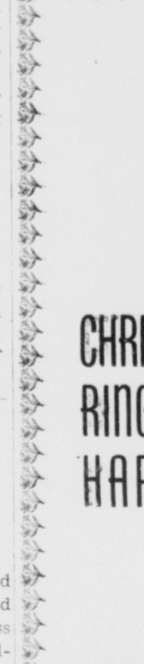
You can take our word for it—old Saint Nick won't forget such good people as you. Somehow we just know that you are going to enjoy a happy Christmas and we are glad. We sincerely hope that everything you desire may come true and that the New Year will be one of real happiness for you.

DR. G. W. H. PRESNELL
Mayor

Bright with the Joy of the Season and filled with Good Cheer is this greeting we send to you and yours on this

Merry Holiday Occasion

KING'S
PALACE CAFE
Sikeston, Mo.



MAY EVERY GOOD WISH COME TRUE

May Christmas bring you joy and may each day of the year add to your enjoyment of life! And may we continue to serve you in the future as we have during the past!

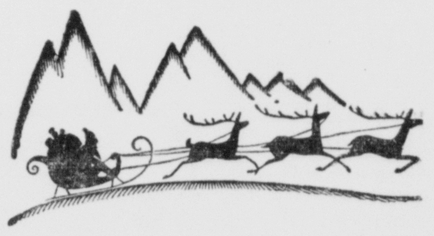
Phone 195

Sikeston Fuel Co.

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS RING IN A MOST HAPPY SEASON

May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

O. F. ANDERSON
Superintendent of Schools



Happy New Year

We'd Play Santa to Each of You

. . . and bring you a lot of nice things, and express a personal wish for a happy Christmas Season, but we have neither the means nor the time to make the rounds. As we can't play the part of Santa, we'll just pause with you a moment and wish you all the joys and prosperity in the world.

POWELL INSURANCE AGENCY

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

TAKING FLASH PICTURES

With flash, shots such as this are quick and sure—and your subjects don't have to pose in bright light.

Ann turned up with a camera problem the other night. She had been trying to take some snapshots of the pup—a lively little rascal—and he wouldn't stay put. In fact, the warmth from the photo lamps made him even more skittish than usual, and by the time she was ready to shoot he was usually out of sight.

"All right," I told her, "we'll fix him. We'll use a flash bulb, and get him down on film before he even knows it." So, we arranged things, and in about three minutes she had just the picture she wanted.

Maybe you've taken flash shots—maybe not. If not, winter is a good time to get acquainted with this type of picture-taking, and you'll find it mighty useful. For most indoor shots, I use the regular flood bulbs; but for some shots, flash is much better.

It's simple to use, too, even if you don't have a flash synchronizer. Just put your camera on a tripod or table edge, and set the shutter for "time." Insert the flash bulb in a house lamp fitted with the regular cardboard reflector you use for snapshots at night—but be sure the switch is off at the moment. Now open the camera shutter — snap on the switch to flash the bulb—and chose the shutter. That's all, and you have your picture.

Moreover, you can use any film you prefer—the quick flash is bright enough for box camera exposures with daytime film, when the bulb is seven feet from the subject. And if you use high speed film, the bulb can be seventeen feet back.

With a flash synchronizer, flash bulbs are even more useful. You can even use them in the daytime, to brightn up the nearby details in a shady scene. And you don't have to put the camera on a tripod—you can hold it in your hand, and take snapshot exposures. Some of the most attractive daytime shots you see in the magazines are made with the aid of synchronized flash, and it's a real help.

I didn't have a synchronizer for a long time, because they used to be high-priced—but I bought one last year as soon as the inexpensive models began to come out. Now Ann wants one too; she knows a good camera accessory when she sees one. And maybe there's a good hint for your own camera kit. I'd certainly hate to part with my synchronizer—it has already paid for itself in first-rate pictures.

John van Guilder.

TASTES ENTER LOCATION CHOICE

Once the basic neighborhood requirements have been determined, the personal element enters into the selection of a location for a home, FHA officials say.

When two or three neighborhoods are satisfactory from the standpoint of basic plan, design, and stability, the final choice can be made on the basis of personal preference and family convenience. One may be more conveniently located to place of employment, shopping, and entertainment centers and schools. Transportation facilities may be cheaper and more rapid or the schools preferable in another.

FHA officials suggest, however, that perhaps the most important matter will be the appearance of the neighborhood and the facilities offered for social life. There may be one neighborhood among those selected where friends of the family live—friends with children about the same age and whose income, tastes, occupation, and avocation correspond. If this neighborhood offers the same or nearly the same advantages as the others under consideration, it would probably be worthwhile to select it in preference to one which in other respects might have been considered somewhat more desirable.

Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

TRYING OUT THE "COLD TABLE"

This young lady on a tour of inspection of the kitchen on one of "Santa" ships in service to the Caribbean and South America—is invited by the chef to sample some of the alluring concoctions of his famous "cold table." On these ships sailing through tropical seas, the "cold table" chef has a stellar role to play and he does it nobly. His creations include, in addition to the usual cold cuts and hors d'oeuvres, all sorts of refreshing salads which are particularly popular with passengers who are watching their weight.

Menus grow continually more alluring as native fish and fruit are taken on board along the way. Papayas put in an early appearance—the juicy melon-like fruit which northerners find so delicious. In Ecuador fresh pineapples come on board—the most drippingly juicy brand in the world. Then the avocado pears begin to appear—in everything from salads to frappes. As the ship proceeds down the coast little boats loaded with corbina, or congrio, the most delicious fish that ever spankled a wave—unload their cargo into refrigerated rooms in the liner's hold. And soon these fish, accompanied by interesting sauces, take their place on the menu. Thus passengers become accquainted on shipboard with some of the excellent food they'll find in the four-course luncheons and eight and ten-course dinner they will eat in South American restaurants on shore.

Edna Mae Stark.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

—by "Movie Spotlight"

Because of the increased average height, one of the larger air companies has left the height limit for its stewardesses an inch, to five feet five inches. The weight limit of 120 pounds remains unchanged.

STUCCO REQUIRES PROMPT REPAIRS

This is of interest only to those home owners whose dwellings are of stucco.

Too rich a mixture, improperly selected materials, or too much rapidity in drying or other reasons may have resulted in a wall less resistent to the elements than the owner may wish. Where this occurs, or where the stucco draws away from window frames or cracks develop because of shrinkage, it is important that repairs be made promptly. Stucco-wall repairs may be made with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

A stucco surface may have any of a variety of finishes, all of which in time become dirty. With water and a scrubbing brush, the owner can improve appearances considerably. If plain water isn't enough, soap should be added. After such a bath, the surface should be thoroughly washed down with a hose.

TATTOOED SNAKES

"Go tattoo a snake," might be a wisecracking admonition, but it is serious business to the field men of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service stationed at the Crecent Lake, Nebrastka refuge . . . the snakes raid wild duck and other migratory waterfowl nests to eat the eggs . . . special traps have been designed to capture the reptiles . . . and after they are caught they are tattooed to determine the range of tehir wanderings . . . to date, more than 700 bull snakes have been captured and tattooed on the refuge.

Merry-Merry

Christmas

Is the Wish of

JOHN MASON

at

Cities Service Station.

Standard Employes Enjoy Editor's Annual Dinner

The employes of The Sikeston Standard and their families enjoyed their annual banquet given by the editor and publisher, C. L. Blanton, Sr., and Mrs. Blanton, Saturday evening at the B & N Cafe, a sumptuous repast varying from turkey to demi-tasse. Those present to enjoy the dinner, besides the host and hostess, were: Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lathom, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collie, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Jr., Charles and Allen Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Shell, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. David Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schieter, Miss Vernetta Smith, Miss Mary Ruth Watkins, Ed Edelen, John Lathom, N. C. Watkins, Sr., Bill Gardner, N. C. Watkins, Jr.

The menu, which was specially printed for the occasion, was as follows:

Fruit Cup, Florida
Celery Olives
Roast Native Turkey with Dressing
Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce
Scalloped Oysters
Snowflaked Potatoes Petit Pois
Candied Yams
Head Lettuce, Roquefort Dressing
Fruit Cake with Ice Cream
B. & N. Rolls
Demi Tasse.

GREETINGS

THANKS FOLKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING 1940
AND WE WANT TO WISH
YOU ALL THE BEST DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

SIMPSON'S 60-61 STATION
Vernon Kelly, Mgr.

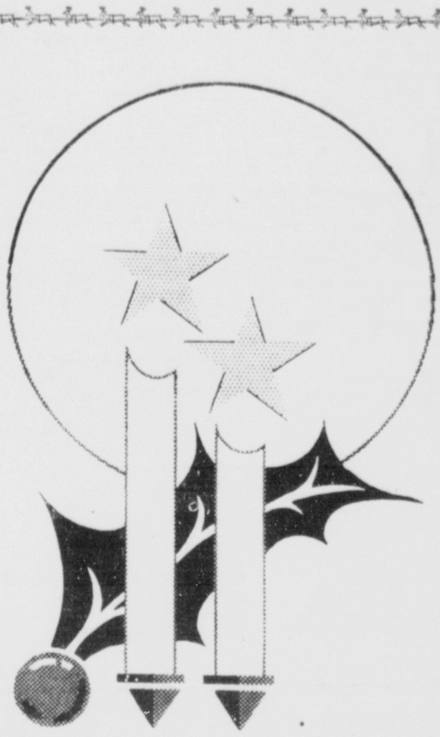
In Real Sincerity

One of the real joys of Christmas is the opportunity to lay aside the routine and customs of every day business, and in real sincerity, wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LEO BROWN'S STATION & GROCERY
Highway 61 South

From

A. C. BARRETT
City Clerk



GREETINGS!

With grateful acknowledgement of your courtesies and the evidences of your good will that have made the past year a pleasure to us, we wish you a Christmas of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity.

We pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before and in keeping with this policy, we respectfully solicit your continued friendship and patronage.

Butler's Corner Grocery
"The Right Store in the Right Town"

To Our Loyal Customers

May your every wish come true — in this coming year and those following.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Edwards
SHOE SHOP
Chester Edwards, Prop.

We Extend to All!
THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

May this glorious holiday season usher in a year overflowing with all kinds of joys and pleasant surprises.

W. E. Derris

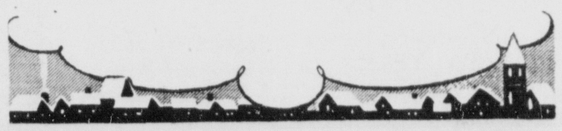
DERRIS DRUG STORE
Phone 185 Sikeston

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide by extending to you our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas. And our optimistic predictions of a Prosperous New Year.

We are looking forward to serving you in the year to come

HOMESTEAD HOTEL
Phone 324 Highway 60, East of Shoe Factory



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

This is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and to express our appreciation for your cooperation which has made possible a very satisfactory year for us.

May the Yuletide bring abundant joy to you and yours and may the New Year bring true health and happiness to each and every one of you.

Kindred's White Way Station
Tanner at Highway 61 Phone 910—Sikeston
Standard Oil Products

Soil-Crop Activity Shown In '40 Extension Summary

No. 2

One hundred township delegates and visitors met in Annual Soils and Crops Conference to discuss practical methods used to increase the fertility of the soil and increase crop yields. Thirty of these men attended the Mid-Summer Tour to see practices discussed actually being carried out. Such practices as producing 192 pounds of beef per acre on vetch and sweet clover in 85 days on the J. J. Reiss farm; cutting soil and moisture loss more than 50 per cent through contour farming on the E. A. Sprenger farm; limestone returning 3.00 or limestone plus phosphate returning 3.80 worth of increased crop yield for each $1.00 invested, in the Sikeston Experiment field tests; sweet clover for pasture and green manure crop on the Roy Johnson and Theon Gro-Jean farms; 4 reforestation and windbreak plantings, using 51,000 trees in Scott County, were among those carried out.

A. A. A. Community Committeemen assisted the educational program on soil conservation, holding 18 meetings where the "Evaluation of the Annual Soil Fertility Change" was discussed showing how change in fertility depended upon crop use as well as the crop; in addition, these men carried out 15 demonstrations of conserving practices being recommended and assisted farmers who asked them in reorganizing their farming systems to get more conservation of the soil.

Through education and making limestone more available, more farmers were sold on the value of lime, using 4,689 tons in 1940 as compared to 1,300 tons in 1939.

TO INCREASE HOME OWNERSHIP

That operating costs may be reduced through use of modern equipment, leaders in the Diebold, New Hamburg, Head, Kelso, Pleasand Hill and Campbell school communities secured a 23 mile extension of the existing R. E. A. System, that 72 more people in Scott County may have electricity.

Believing that living at home is essential to continued home ownership, 4 home owners kept records that they may know results. An average of these records shows that, for a family of five, 95 crop acres returned $2517.35 with expense of $1369.45, leaving a net gain inventory of $1147.90. The average cash expenditures for food for this family was $108.57.

Landowners and tenants cooperate to take care of the tenant and laborer moving problem. Cooperation of this group with the Farm Security Administration has led to development of the group and Scattered Labor Homes Program, the Tenant Purchase Program, and continuation of the Standard Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Recognizing the need for more planning of the farm and home business, farm people desire at least one month devoted to "Planning the Farm and Home Business" in 1941.

Fill the Cooky Jar

Most good cooks appreciate the advantage of keeping a supply of cookies on hand. They fill that "between-meal void" and provide a basis for quick and satisfying desserts. Here are some new ways to concoct these delicious tid-bits —try them as a change from your standard recipes.

ICE BOX COOKIES

Take 1 cupful each of butter brown and granulated sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon each of salt and soda, 1 cup nut meats, 1 teaspoon each of almond and vanilla extract and 4¼ cups of flour. Cream the butter, add the sugar, eggs and other ingredients. Roll into two rolls and let stand on a cloth in a pan placed in the ice box. The cloth keeps the dough from flattening and sticking to the pan thus losing its round shape. Slice very thin, decorate with half a nut meat, a raisin or cherry as one's taste suggests.

SPICE COOKIES

5 whole eggs
1 lb. brown sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups flour

Mix the above together, add enough flour to handle it, roll into small balls or drop from a teaspoon and bake in greased pans in a hot oven, 10 to 15 minutes.

OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup sugar
2 cups oatmeal
1 tsp. soda
2 cups flour
1 cup fat
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs
½ cup milk

Spread over a flat pan. When done cut into squares.

MOLASSES COOKIES

1 cup sweetened condensed milk
½ cup molasses
½ cup seeded raisins
½ cup walnuts
23 graham crackers
¼ tsp. ginger
¼ tsp. allspice
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt

Combine the condensed milk and molasses. Add the graham cracker crumbs, chopped raisins and walnuts and spices and salt. Mix thoroughly. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate over for 15 minutes.

CHOCOLATE COOKIES

2-3 cup dark brown sugar
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
4 tsp. cocoa
⅛ tsp. salt
½ cup sour milk
1 egg
2 1-3 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
4 tbsp. fat, melted

Mix sugars, vanilla, cocoa and salt with the milk and egg. Beat two minutes. Add rest of ingredients, mixing lightly. Drop portions from end of spoon onto greased baking sheets. Bake 12 minutes in moderate oven.

COCONUT DROPS

2-3 cup butter
1½ cups sugar
4 tbsp. cream
2 eggs
½ tsp. lemon extract
1 tsp. vanilla
⅛ tsp. salt
½ cup coconut
3 cups flour
2 tsp. cream of tartar

Cream butter and sugar. Add cream and eggs. Add rest of ingredients, mixing lightly. Drop portions from end of spoon onto greased baking sheets and bake 12 minutes in moderate oven.

WALNUT STRIPS

There are three steps in making these delicious strips. For the crust, cream ¼ cup shortening, ½ cup flour, and when smooth spread in a greased pan measuring about 9 by 5 inches. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in a hot oven.

While the crust is baking make the filling. Beat 1 egg, add ¾ cup brown sugar sifted to prevent lumps, 1 tablespoon flour, ⅛ teaspoon baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup shredded coconut, ½ cup walnuts, chopped, and ½ teaspoon vanilla. When the crust comes from the oven spread the filling evenly on top and return to oven, baking 15 to 20 minutes or longer.

After the filling is cool make a confectioner's frosting as follows: Work 1 tablespoon butter until creamy and add ¾ cup confectioner's sugar, 1 tablespoon warm orange juice, drop by drop, and ½ teaspoon lemon juice. Spread on the cake and sprinkle with ¼ cup walnuts, chopped. Cut in strips 1 inch wide and 2 to 3 inches long.

OLD-FASHIONED SUGAR COOKIES

2¾ cups flour
2¾ tsp. baking powder
½ cup shortening
½ tsp. salt
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1 tsp. vanilla

Sift the flour before measuring. Add the baking powder and salt and sift again. Cream the shortening thoroughly, add the sugar slowly and cream with the shortening. Add the eggs and beat well. Add the vanilla. Add the flour and blend. Chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Roll ⅛ inch thick on a lightly floured board. Cut with a large floured cutter. Sprinkle with sugar. Place on an ungreased baking sheet and bake in a hot oven for 12 minutes. To vary make a sandwich of two cookies and use a filling of jelly or marmalade. Cut three small holes in the top cookie before baking.

BROWNIES

1 cup sugar
¼ cup milk
1 cup nuts
¼ cup butter
2-3 cup floor
2 squares melted chocolate
2 egg yolks, beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch of salt
2 egg whites, beaten stiff

Bake in a shallow pan and cut in squares. Cover with Moca frosting.

MOCA FROSTING

½ cup butter
2 cups powdered sugar
Ceam together
and add
2 tsp. cocoa
2 tbsp. coffee
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream together thoroughly. When the frosting has been applied a half a walnut meat may be placed in the center of each of the squares.

DATE PIE-COOKIES

3½ cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup milk

Sift dry ingredients. Cream butter, and add sugar slowly, then beaten egg ant vanilla. Add flour, bakink powder and salt alternately with milk. Shape mixture into two long rolls about 2 inches in diameter. Chill thoroughly.

FILLING

1 cup sugar
2 tbsp. flour
1 cup boiling water
1 pkg. dates
2 tbsp. lemon juice
½ cup nut meats

Mix flour and sugar and stir in boiling water. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add chopped dates, nuts and lemon juice. Cool. Cut chilled dough in thin pieces. Place a spoonful of filling in the center of each round. Cover with a second round and press edges together firmly. Bake on a well-oiled baking sheet for about 10 minutes.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

—by "Movie Spotlight"

EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

The All American Canal is finished. 70,000,000 cubic yards of dirt and sand have been moved at a cost of 3½ million dollars. Southern California now has an irrigation system all its own.

If you have ever made a trip through the fertile territory which lies just north of the Mexican border, or, if you ever read Harold Bell Wright's "Winning of Barbara Worth" you have some idea of what the above statement to the "Winter Garden" of America. 1,000,000 acres will be affected, 310,000 of which will be reclaimed from the desert.

Never again will this section of the country be visited with a destructive flood of the kind that roarded through here back in 1905. At that time silt and sand reduced the intake capacity of the old canal. While endeavoring to construct a new intake an unprecedented flood destroyed the heading and control of the river was lost. The entire stream poured into the valley wiping out everything in its path. Two years later this break was repaired. With this new canal system this can never happen again.

Prior to now Imperial Valley has had to depend upon an inadequate canal system which, for the most part, was in Old Mexico. This condition was unsatisfactory and also slighted much of an area that will grow most anything if supplied with water.

The new Canal is a marvelous feat of engineering, and runs 210 miles through arid waste and shifting sand. The excavated channel varies from 30 to 100 feet in depth. It is 160 feet wide at its bottom and 330 feet wide at water level, but the broad ditch yawns to twice this width at the tops of its built up banks. These banks rise in three huge steps and at one ten mile cut are plastered with earth from the deeper excavations to prevent their shifting about like the sand-dunes, through the action of the winds.

In its long, winding trek through the broad valley the Canal's water drops but three inches every mile to prevent the damaging errosion of a more rapid fall. The water is dropped abruptly at five points along the canal and at these places Hydro-electric plants are being built whose total output will be 60,000 kilowatts.

The silt in the Colorado River presented one of the greatest engineering problems. It could soon settle and fill the entire Canal unless removed from the water turned into the big ditch. So a desilting works was devised to remove 50,000 tons of this fine sand every day. The silt is returned to the river and is carried on down to the Gulf of California.

This intricate part of the project, together with the huge Imperial Dam is located 20 miles north of Yuma, Arizona. This is the first time the Colorado River has been effectively controlled for the benefit of agriculture and power in this area.

No wonder the bands player when the water was first released.

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CHRISTMAS

Greetings

Bring the Yule log,
'Deck the hall;
Let Christmas cheer be
shared by all.
On with mirth
And fun and folly;
'Tis the season to be
jolly.

BACH STUDIO

WISHING YOU A ★ MERRY CHRISTMAS

We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of good cheer for each of you. And may the coming twelve months find you happy and contented in your every undertaking.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

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AND

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FOR THE

New Year

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BEAU BRUMMELLS OF YAPI

HERE'S a much dressed up Big Chief—trying to look very fierce as he poses with his aid. They are Indians of the Chaco tribe from the village of Yapi in the Darien jungles of Panama. Few people taking the trip through the Canal—on one of the ships making fortnightly voyages to Chile—stop off in the Canal Zone long enough to see the really astounding sights which the interior provinces on the Isthmus have to offer. On this narrow strip of land are jungles which only a few hardy adventurers ever have explored, and there are native tribes as primitive as those in the heart of Africa.

Yapi, or the Tuira River, the hometown of the above gentlemen, is a cluster of round huts built on "stilts" about fourteen feet above the ground and roofed with palm leaves. The women's costume consists of a long, colored cloth wrapped around the waist—and silver earrings. The men wear red loin cloths and very fancy brow bands and armlets, and, usually, heavy silver earrings. They live very comfortably by hunting, fishing and raising lowland rice or a patch of plantains, or bananas. Once a week they load up huge dugout canoes called *piraquas* with these products and paddle down to El Real de Santa Maria, the capital of Darien Province—a town of the old wild west which is the marketing center not only for the Indians but for the bush negroes in nearby settlements. The best way to visit these villages is under the guidance of Jungle Jim Price, a handsome native son of Georgia who has lived in the jungles of Panama and Central America for a quarter of a century. He knows how to travel comfortably in this region and is a general favorite with the natives.

EDNA MAE STARK.

stuffing can be remarkably helpful in making the turkey or chicken "go" as far as possible.

If, from choice or pocketbook limitations, the traditional holiday roast needs to be small, serve the dressing in stuffed chops, beef or veal birds, or stuffed shoulder. Tomatoes, cabbage leaves, or small squash make fine containers for stuffing, too.

BREAD STUFFING
(For Chicken)

4 cups bread cubes, toasted
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
2 tablespoons melted butter or chicken fat
2 teaspoons salt
1 slightly beaten egg
¼ teaspoon minced onion
1-3 cup boiling water

Mix ingredients together lightly, blending thoroughly. For a dry, crumbly dressing, water may be omitted. For a moist dressing, add 2 teaspoons baking powder to prevent sogginess.

OYSTER STUFFING
(For Turkey)

1 pint oysters
8 cups bread cubes
1 slightly beaten egg
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon celery salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Wash oysters thoroughly. Mix ingredients together, lightly but thoroughly.

ORANGE STUFFING
(For Chicken or Duck)

3 cups dry bread cubes
1 cup diced raw apples
2-3 cup orange juice
½ cup seedless raisins
4 tablespoons melted butter
4 tablespoons sugar
Salt and pepper

Mix ingredients together, lightly but thoroughly. If moisture is needed, add a little hot water.

PRUNE AND APPLE STUFFING
(For Chicken or Goose)

3 cups bread cubes
1 cup cooked apples (pared, diced and stewed)
½ cup cooked prunes
½ cup chopped nuts
¼ cup melted fat
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Mix ingredients together, lightly but thoroughly.

Kitchen Light-Conditioning Recipe Is Simple As Pie

Shadowless Illumination Lightens Tasks in Woman's Workshop.

By Jean Prentice

AMONG the new subjects some students are taking up in high schools and colleges is home lighting.

A number of home economics and household management classes are now studying the ins and outs of light conditioning. Of particular interest to them is better light in the kitchen.

Among the pointers they are getting are several illustrated in the kitchen shown here.

Every work area has a source of light above it. Over the sink is a wall lamp. The range and a kitchen table, not visible here, also have wall lamps. Beneath the cupboards are hung brackets holding lumiline tubular lamps to light the work space below them.

Formerly a glass shade, open at the bottom, had been used at the ceiling. It did a poor job of spreading lighting through the room without contributing glare.

Now there's a cheerful diffusion of general illumination from a new indirect adaptor fixture and 150-watt silvered-bowl bulb. This fixture was screwed into the ceiling socket, like a bulb, in less time than it takes to tell.

With modern lighting such as this the homemaker is less apt to make mistakes when reading recipes. Vegetables are cleaned more quickly and thoroughly. Food is seasoned more satisfactorily since the eyes can see the salt and pepper more sharply. The room becomes a better place in which to work. It thus fits right in with the needs of the home economics student or of any homemaker . . . just as easy as pie.

Scott Farmers Urge to File AAA Data by Dec. 31

Evin Burke, Chairman of the Scott County Agricultural Conservation Committee, warned farmers today that all applications for parity payments under the 1940 Farm Program must be on file in the county office by December 31st. Payments are to be made only when applications are submitted before this date.

Parity payments were made this year to corn, wheat and cotton farmers throughout the State. Information obtained from the State office indicated the right is reserved by the Secretary of Agriculture to withhold payment from any person who fails to file the necessary forms before the date set forth in the program regulations.

The chairman stated that a number of farmers who are eligible for these parity payments have not yet submitted their applications. "We are anxious to complete our 1940 parity work," he said, "and while we do not want anyone to lose a payment which he has earned it will, nevertheless, be necessary for us to adhere strictly to the requirements written in the farm program law."

To date, 2,500 parity applications have been submitted to the State Office by the county committee. This includes all Corn, Cotton and Wheat Parity Payment Applications submitted. Corn, Cotton and Wheat Parity payments have been received in the total amount of $151,208.09. It is estimated that there are approximately 20 applications still to be paid.

Persons interested in a corn, wheat or cotton crop on a farm are eligible for a parity payment under the Triple-A Program if the acreage allotments for these crops were not exceeded. Farmers who kept within their corn allotments receive 5 cents a bushel on the normal yield of their acreage allotment. Determined on the same basis, wheat producers receive 10 cents per bushel, and cotton producers $1.55 per 100 pounds.

Evin Burke, Scott County A. C. Chairman, stated "Parity payments are made to farmers in order to bring the prices they receive for commodities more in line with the prices they pay for other goods." These payments are in addition to the regular agricultural conservation payments made under the Triple-A Farm Program.

Cranberry Breakfast Bread is a holiday hot bread all winter long. Pour quick coffee cake batter over 3 tablespoons melted butter, ½ cup sugar, and 1½ cups whole raw cranberries spread in the bottom of an 8-inch pan.

To All Our Friends and Customers We Wish

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MARTIN OIL CO.
Bert Gentry, Mgr.
Clyde Couch
Charlie Krauss
Emory Tetley

Johnston Asks Cooperation of Citizens in Christmas Plans

President Oscar Johnston of the National Cotton Council today issued an appeal to citizens of Sikeston and surrounding territory to cooperate in the 1940 Cotton Christmas program.

"I cannot too strongly emphasize the need for your assistance and active cooperation in this effort to increase the consumption of American cotton products," Mr. Johnston said. "It is only through the cooperation of the individual that this great cotton merchandising project can be a success.

"As you all know, the National Cotton Council of America was founded by the raw cotton industry with the sole aim of increasing the consumption of American cotton, cottonseed and the products thereof.

"When the Council inaugurated the Cotton Christmas program last year, we asked for your cooperation. I am glad to be able to say that the results were so gratifying that this year it was decided that the program would be extended to cover the entire United States.

"But regardless of what may be accomplished this year in other sections of the country, it is the measure of success achieved in the Cotton Belt that will determine the future of Cotton Christmas or any future of Cotton Christmas or any other cotton merchandising program.

"We cotton people must solve our own problems. Beset as we are by surplus, under-consumption foreign competition, substitutes and discriminatory legislation, we must fight our own battles. One way all of us can help is to give preference to cotton gifts this Christmas."

STUFFING NEWS

A bird on the table is worth two on the wing—especially when it has come out of the oven browned to a turn, crackling and fragrant with the inviting promise of tender, well-seasoned stuffing within. Stuffing does its part not only by adding flavor but also by absorbing juices and keeping the fowl moist and shapely during roasting.

Bread for stuffing is best when a day or two old, and broken or cut into small pieces. For a special flavor, toast the cubes lightly. Only enough liquid is necessary to hold the seasoned bread cubes together without packing. Fill the cavity about three-fourths full, taking care not to pack the bird too tightly. Extra stuffing, for those who like stuffing with gravy, may be baked in a separate dish. Extra

To Discuss War's Effect on Prices Soils-Crop Meet

The Seventh Annual Soils and Crops meeting for Scott County farmers will be held January 23 in the Circuit Court Room in Benton announces Carl O. Luper, president of the Committee. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m. and continue to 3:00 p. m.

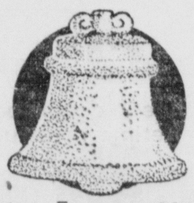
At the program planning meeting the committee decided on the following points of interest. The possible effects of the present European war and our national defense program on the present and future demands for grain and livestock and livestock products; how this demand may be met with a conserving land use program.

In adition says Mr. Luper such subjects as fertilizing cotton, reforesation and windbreak, tree planting, using phosphate, full utilization of sweet clover, and increased liming program, will receive thorough consideration.

Trnold Klemme, Soils Specialist of the University of Missouri. College of Agriculture will assist with the discussion.

Badger Feast

One of the strangest surviving Christmas customs is the badger feast held at Ilchester, Somerset. It was started by poachers in Norman times, says the Montreal Herald, and has continued without a break. The lads of the village catch a badger, kill and dress it some time before the feast. On Christmas eve it is strung on a spit over a huge fire at the inn and cooked slowly.



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Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

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LAIR STORE NEWS
"That Interesting Store"
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Back yonder some twenty years ago this firm operated an exclusive Music Store on Malone Avenue next door to where the Herald is now located. One outstanding product at that time was the Gulbransen Piano—also player pianos by the same Company.

When radios came in—pianos faded out of the domestic picture and following that trend many old time high grade piano factories were forced out of business. A very few of the stronger companies remained in the game—Gulbransen being one of them. New model Console or Spinet Style Pianos in all their beauty and attractiveness are now coming strong again—and to satisfy the demand from lovers of piano music and encourage talented youngsters to learn playing, we have again taken the distribution of Gulbransens. A charming Console sample of English Regency Type is now in our front window. Judges of good pianos are asked to examine it. Plenty of time to pay and plenty of time to deliver before Christmas. See the Gulbransen Window.

Goodbye '40—Hello '41

1940 has been a year which most retailers will not grieve about in saying goodbye. It has been filled with nervous jitters—confusion of thought and uncertainty in business planning—with but few merchants who were willing to say condidently—they knew "where they were at". And yet—withal—it has been an excellent business year for those who put on their fighting clothes and worked hard for business rather than spending time worrying over world affairs. Results of our firm's labors have been all that we deserved—and more—hence results justify an optomistic mood. We're ready for the 1941 fray—and willing to give and take without groaning that which may decreed by Heads of our Government—after fair discussion. Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to friends of S. E. Missouri who have supported us abundantly. .No list of New Years resolutions will be broadcast. The simple formula of hard work, careful planning—and decent treatment to every patron—black or white—rich or poor—constitutes our pledge to the public. Mistakes will be made—but none that we will not rectify. Of course it is our purpose to run a more efficient store than ever before but patrons will judge that matter from month to month. At any rate we love our business and work at it religiously. If you endorse that type of merchandising—say it with orders.

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LAST SHOWING
MONDAY, DEC. 23—
"Third Finger, Left Hand"
With Myrna Loy and Melvin Douglas.
News and Shorts
Matinee and Evening.
Box Office Open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 28c

TUESDAY, DEC. 24—
"Sky Murder"
With Walter Pidgeon and Donald Meek.
SHORTS
Box Office Open 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.
Admission 10c and 16c

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25—
'Seven Sinners'
With Marlene Dieterick, John Wayne, Roderick Crawford.
Comedy.
Matinee and Evening.
Admission 10c and 28c

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 26-27—
"Melody and Moonlight"
With Johnny Downs Vera Vague, Jerry Calonna
Comedy.
Admission 10c and 28c

SATURDAY, DEC. 28—
"Law and Order"
With Johnny Mac Brown and Fuzzy Knight.
SERIAL
CARTOON
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 20c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29-30—
"Dr. Kildare Goes Home"
With Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayers.
NEWS and SHORTS
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 28c

★ ★ BAZAAR PREVIEW ★ ★

Evidence of the automobile man's versatility: this white evening dress of Crown Tested rayon jersey, with a striped jerkin, was designed by Oliver Clark of the Chrysler Corp. and Inspiration for the dress comes from the grillwork on the De Soto Town Sedan, seen behind the model.

PLEASURE OF OPEN FIRE MARRED BY SMOKING

To avoid the annoyance of a smoky, smoldering blaze lay the logs in the fireplace in such a way that air can circulate between them.

Put the largest log in the back and roll it forward when it is burning brightly, replacing it with another. Pile smaller logs in front, with small stocks sandwiched between. If logs are perfectly smooth and straight, hold them apart with small pieces of wood. Ignite the wood by placing a wad of excelsior or a lightly wadded piece of newspaper where the flames will pass up through the piled wood. Always try to use dry well-seasoned wood.

The average increase in the sale of electric light bulbs in the United States is 10 per cent a year.

MANUFACTURER WILL GIVE COTTON GIFTS

Chester, S. C.—A Chester fertilizer manufacturer will celebrate Cotton Christmas this year by distributing cotton gifts to his customers.

The Company advised the National Cotton Council that this Christmas it will use cotton bath towels as its annual gift feature. Last Christmas cotton kitchen towels bearing the slogan "Use More Cotton Goods" were distributed.

Officials of the fertilizer firm said that cotton gifts created more interest and were more appropriate for distribution among cotton farmers than any other type of novelty. An effort is being made by the company this year to have all Southern fertilizer manufacturers adopt the plan for 1941.

There were 761,567 visitors to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park of Tennessee-North Carolina during 1939.

Many Good Wishes

Serving you has made this year one of the happiest of our experience in this community and it is for this reason that we extend the Season's Greetings May this Christmas be the most delightful you've ever had and may GOOD FORTUNE be with you in many ways during the coming year.

Eubanks Lumber Company

● Thanks to Uncle Sam and to Santa Claus on this Christmas 1940. To Uncle for the Peace that is sustained in the strength and inherent rightness of his philosophy. To Santa Claus for the Plenty he is bestowing upon us all in a world of want.

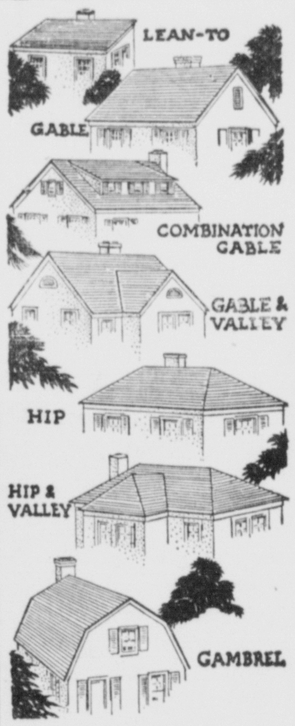
● Thanks a million to our friends and patrons to whom we have tried to be as valuable as they have been to us and to whom, at this benign season, we extend our sincerest best wishes for a Happy American Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Welter Bake Shop
Your Home Baker

Better Homes Living

A good roof is just as important decoratively as any other part of the house and, from the view of year-to-year maintenance, of prime importance.

Discusisng roof design, officials of the Fderal Housing Administration have pointed out the necessity for making careful selection, since roofs are not changed once they are built.



The simplest type of roof in common use for American frame houses is what is known as the "lean-to." It is the roof seen over porches and often at the back of buildings where an addition has been made.

A "gable" roof consists of two planes or slopes which meet at a ridge, leaving gable ends. It is adaptable to practically any type of architecture. One of the best known of all roof styles, the "hip" roof, has clean restful lines and can be covered with almost any type of roofing material.

The "gambrel" roof is a variation of the gable roof with each side consisting of two slopes, steep at the bottom and gentle toward the ridge. The gambrel roof has been called "a bent-out adaptation" of the gable roof, but it has an equally pleasing effect, and in addition gives extra head room upstairs.

HOME OWNERS FORUM

By ABNER GORDON

Although window screen wire mesh is seldom painted, when decoration is desirable a very thin coating composed of 2 parts (by volume) soft paste while lead and 3 parts of an equal mixture of boiled linseed oil, spar varnish and turpentine—either used white or tinted as desired with paste colors-in-oil—will provide the most variable, durable finish.

Brush and cross brush the paint on evenly from both sides of the screen, after which tap the frame lightly to clear the wires of excess paint which otherwise might remain to clog the pores.

When the mesh is sufficiently dry for handling, paint the frame with pure white lead and oil according to the standard practice for exterior wood.

Q.—Can shingle overwalling be applied to brick as well as wood siding?

A.—For restyling plus added insulation or when brick walls are causing trouble due to leakage and moisture absorption, overwall shingles are the economical solution.

First fasten vertical siding strips to the window frames and walls with nails—specially fashioned for the purpose—driven into the mortar lines between the bricks.

To these verticals, attach horizontal strips as a shingle nailing base. The latter should be installed with a center-to-center spacing equal to the proposed surface of the shingles.

Overwalling on all types in wood siding is comparatively simple, as the shingles may be applied directly, as to new sheathing. Here binding paper is required, installed as is the common practice on new construction.

Durable certified red cedar shingles—single or double coursed—are highly recommended to produce new style lines for modernizing old buildings.

FISH

Passage of the Buck Bill extending Federal aid to the States in fishery restoration project is seen at the next session of Congress by Carl D. Shoemaker, Secretary of the Special Committee of the United States Senate on the Conservation of Wildlife Resources.

"By ear-marking the excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition," says Shoemaker, "there has in the last two years been applied about $6,500,000 in wildlife restoration projects other than fish in the States through aid provided in the Pittman-Robertson Act.

"There are more anglers than there are hunters in the United States and the task of supplying the increasing number of fishermen with fish to catch is perhaps the most difficult with which State Wildlife Administrators have to cope. Impure waters, the lowering of the water levels of lakes and streams, the drouth and the wasting away of our forest areas along with other factors has made a steady decline in the numbers of fish to be found in our waters."

Shoemaker pointed out that if the Buck Bill were passed it would immediately provide for needed research stream and other water studies which would result in a more comprehensive and long-range fish restoration program.

The Bill will again be reintroduced in Congress next January and somewhat modified to meet the more serious objections made against the present Bill by its opponents.

Suggestions have been made to fishing tackle manufacturers, sportsmen's associations both local and national, State wildlife administrators and others interested for a round-table conference to discuss and, if possible, agree upon the form of the new Bill before its introduction.

The purpose of the new Bill is to ear-mark a proposed excise tax of 10 per cent on fishing tackle which will be paid by the manufacturer and set aside in the Treasury for distribution to the State to aid them in carrying out a comprehensive fish restoration program.

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GREETINGS TO YOU
From The
Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard

The entire staff of YOUR newspaper joins in wishing you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . and we want to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your patronage and cooperation during the past year.

JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS

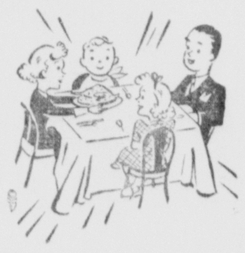
The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard

Greetings

We desire to extend to you Greetings of the Christmas Season and to express our sincere wishes for your prosperity in the coming year. May the cordial relations existing between us continue.

LYNN ANCELL
Assessor

CLEAN! for CHRISTMAS



Sparkling white napery, clean starched curtains, and clean clothes will make your Christmas even more pleasant . . . especially when we do the work for such low prices.

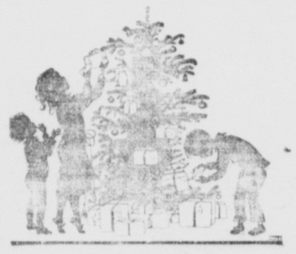
Christmas comes again with its Hope and Promises of Good Will.

In the spirit of this Glad Season we extend to all our wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

And we thank you sincerely for the pleasure we have had in serving you during the year now growing old.

SIKESTON LAUNDRY



Around the Christmas Tree

As you and your loved ones gather 'round your gayly-decorated tree on Christmas morn, we want you to know that our thoughts are with you. It is our way of showing you our appreciation for your generous patronage during the past.

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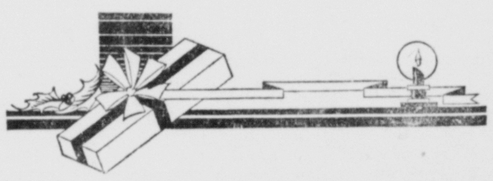
THE SEASON'S CHEER TO EVERYBODY

To our many friends and customers—the Season's best wishes for joy and happiness. By your thoughtfulness you have helped to make our Christmas a merry one and we wish the same for you.



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How the Idea Started

Christmas Candles

Christmas tree candles date back to the very earliest times in the Christian era. The Yule candle, of goodly size, lighted early Nativity celebrations. The lighting of candles is indeed a universl religious and national custom. Candle lighting featured the Norse mid-winter festival of the turning of the sun. The Jewish Feast of Chanuckah or Lights is also celebrated similarly at the same season.

Christmas Gifts

Romans exchanged gifts during gay celebrations. But giving of presents of course goes back much earlier. The Romans, however, gave it clearer identity as a part of their festival program. Christmas boxes and cards of today have a link to the ancient Roman festivities. In France, gifts are distributed to children New Year's eve instead of Christmas. In England, Germany, Italy, and most everywhere else, the custom is like in the United States. Santa comes a-visiting at Christmas.

Christmas Wreaths

In ancient times the Teutons regarded holly as a symbol of good luck. The custom was widespread of hanging evergreens in the interior of dwellings. Later the legend was widely circulated that all growing things blossomed and bore fruit the night of the Nativity. Holly came also to symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Christ. The Puritans, however, regarded holly and mistletoe decorations as pagan in nature, and they therefore were outlawed.

Christmas Stockings

St. Nicholas rides Woden's horse on Christmas eve in Holland. There the children put up their wooden shoes in the chimney corners as a stop signal for the merry fellow. Children of France followed the custom by placing their shoes for Bonhomme Noel by the hearth. In England and the United States, boys and girls improved on the idea by hanging up stockings. These can hold more gifts.

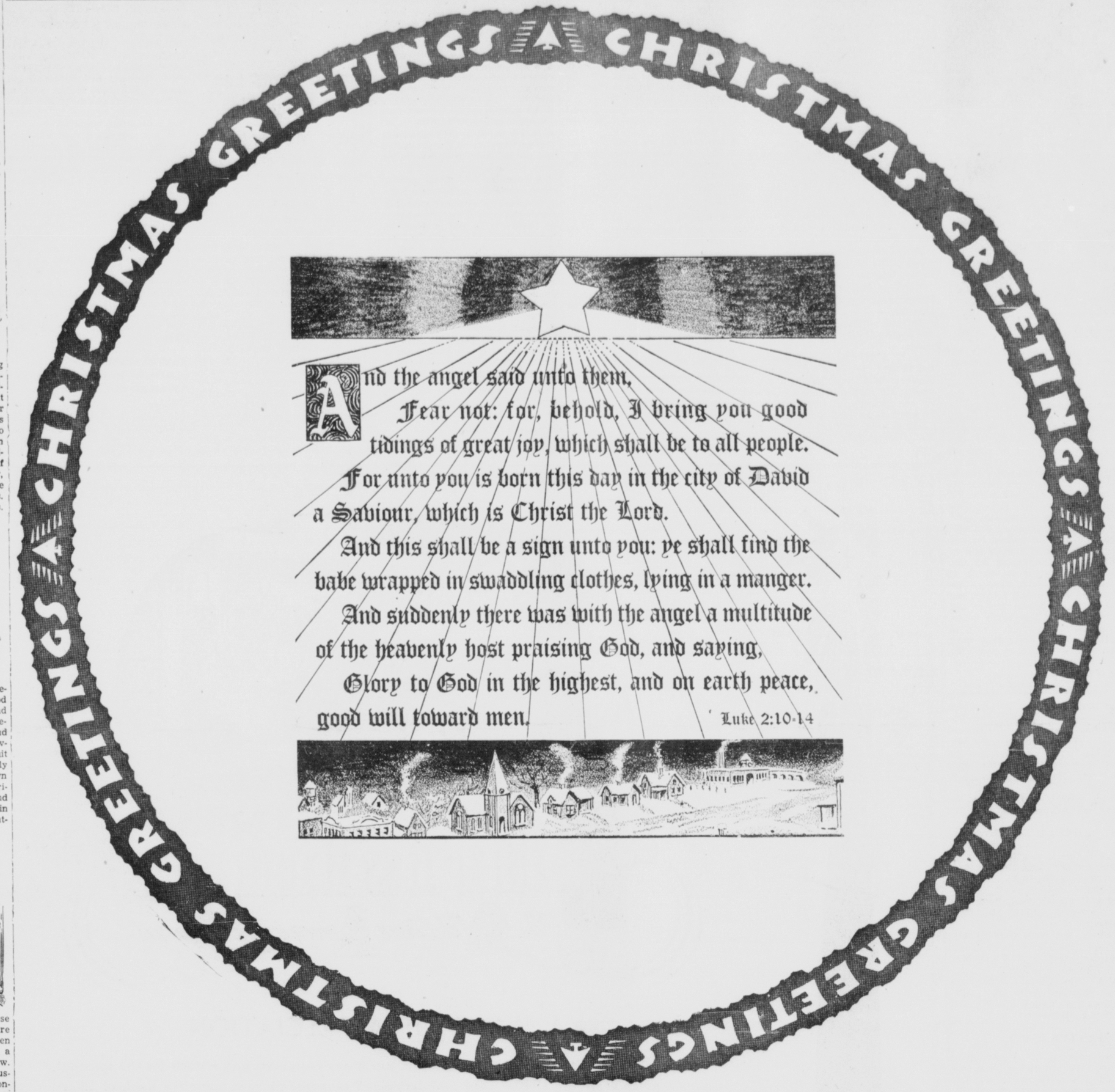
Christmas Hymns

The Puritans predicted the disappearance of Christmas carols and did what they could to discourage the custom of singing them. But it has grown more and more a part of the Christmas tradition which began in early Christian days in Rome. The French Noel, dating to the Eleventh century, and the German Weihnachtslieder, have the same origin.

National Christmas Tree

Scene of Annual Service

The United States has a national Christmas tree! It is not a spruce, fir or hemlock, but a giant Sequoia which stands more than 267 feet high. The tree is located in General Grant National park, 64 miles east of Fresno, Calif. Devotional and patriotic services held beneath the tree each year since it was selected in 1925 are broadcast over a nationwide network.



Must File for AAA Checks By Dec. 31

Earl Cambron, chairman of the New Madrid County Agricultural Conservation Committee, warned farmers today that all applications for parity payments under the 1940 Farm Program must be on file in the county office by December 31. Payments are to be made only when applications are submitted before this date.

Parity payments were made this year to corn, wheat, and cotton farmers throughout the State. Information obtained from the State office indicated the right is reserved by the Secretary of Agriculture to withhold payment from any person who fails to file the necessary forms before the date set forth in the program regulations.

The chairman stated that a number of farmers who are eligible for these parity payments have not yet submitted their applications. "We are anxious to complete our 1940 parity work," he said, "and while we do not want anyone to lose a payment which he has earned it will, nevertheless, be necessary for us to adhere strictly to the requirements written in the farm program law."

To date 4626 applications have been received by the county committee. Of this number 4533 have been paid. It is estimated that there are 131 applications still to be paid.

Persons interested in a corn, wheat, or cotton crop on a farm are eligible for a parity payment under the Triple-A Program if the acreage allotments for these crops were not exceeded. Farmers who kept within their corn allotments receive 5 cents a bushel on the normal yield of their acreage allotment. Determined on the same basis, wheat producers receive 10 cents per bushel, and cotton producers $1.55 per 100 pounds.

Mr. Cambron stated "Parity payments are made to farmers in order to bring the prices they receive for commodities more in line with the prices they pay for other goods." These payments are in addition to the regular agricultural Conservation payments made under the Triple-A Farm Program.

Lime, Fertilizer Together Produce Better Results

There is an old adage that "Lime and lime alone makes the father rich but the son poor, while lime and manure makes both the father and the son rich."

5105 tons of lime have been used in New Madrid County in 1940. Even a larger tonnage will likely be used in 1941. How to use this lime so as to produce best results in an abundance of high quality feed for livestock and organic matter or manure for the soil will be discussed. The purity and fineness of lime to use, the place and time of application for best results the first year will also be explained at the 1941 Soils and Crops Conference to be held at New Madrid on January 9, says Paul H. Teal, County Agent. Mr. Teal states that there will also be a discussion on the kind, rate of application of commercial fertilizer to specific crops, and also the crops where best returns from its use are usually secured. An illustration will also be given on a typical New Madrid County farm of making an inventory of annual soil productivity changes due to cropping and erosion.

Gets 10 Years For Being A Red In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 19.—District Judge Ben Arnold sentenced Alan Shaw, 22-year-old Communist convicted of criminal syndicalism, to 10 years in prison today and fined him $5000.

Standing before the bench, Shaw declared in a low voice:

"Over the entrance to this courthouse there is an inscription with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson, 'Equal and exact justice to all men, regardless of state or persuasion, religious or political.'

"That inscription and those words have been disregarded in my case. It has been a mockery from the very beginning."

The Judge permitted Shaw to remain at liberty on his present bond of $75000, pending outcome of an appeal.

Shaw was convicted of violating the Criminal Syndicalism Law by being a member of the Communist Party, which the State contended "advocated overthrow of the Government by force."

No overt act was alleged nor was Shaw accused of any specific act of violence.

Taxes Will Increase, Pat Harrison Warns

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 19.—Prior to leaving here Thursday for Hattiesburg to attend the funeral of R. W. Dunn, lifelong friend of the Harrison family, Senator Pat Harrison made an address to the Gulfport Kiwanis Club in which he pronounced the international situation "grave" but asserted that it had improved within the past six months.

Touching on the war in Europe as well as the relationship between the United States and South and Central America countries, Senator Harrison declared that the program of national defense was progressing more rapidly than the general public realized.

Predicting an unusual increase in taxes in the immediate future, the senator, who is chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, assured his hearers that there would be "plenty of taxes" before the national defense program was paid for.

U. S. Building Projects in Missouri Halted

Washington, December 19.—The Public Building Administration said today construction of new Post Offices and Courthouses in Missouri would be deferred indefinitely as a result of an order of President Roosevelt and the Budget Bureau.

Officials said the Budget Bureau and the President had directed construction of projects on the public building program be deferred except where bids had been asked or received because of defense program needs.

Funds had been allocated from congressional appropriations for four federal buildings in Missouri. All of these projects have been put on the deferred list, officials said.

Projects halted were Cape Girardeau Post Office, Court House and site, $430,000; Marshfield Post Office, $73,000; Moberly Post Office, $170,000, and Richmond Heights Post Office, $118,000.

AAA Pays Madrid Farmers Nearly a Million Dollars

New Madrid County farmers participating in the 1940 AAA program have received $914,484 according to Glen Rhodes, Chief Clerk. More than $300,000 is still to be received and dispersed, making the total payments for 1940 approximate $1,236,000.

The payments made thus far have been as follows:

Corn parity payments	$67,841.88
Wheat parity payments	16,264.08
Cotton parity payments	494,640.78
Conservation payments	335,738.16
Total to date	$914,484.90

The family automobile will celebrate a Cotton Christmas this year. New all-cotton seat covers will extend the life of your upholstery as well as make the interior of the car more attractive in appearance.

Santa Comes to Pierre

By Jules Bevan

OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and cam to New York.

"Mama!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mamma, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal

Pleez, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrul!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused.

"Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant repled. "Come boys"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumbfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam.

"Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears.

"Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course—Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind gran'pere . . ."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

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Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

LUCKY LADY

THIS looks as if Croesus had said it with flowers! As a matter of fact these orchids cost less than we'd pay here in the United States for a very ordinary variety of rose. They were bought in Caracas by travelers visiting Venezuela on one of the 12-day cruises from New York. Orchids grow wild in the jungles and forests of Venezuela and Colombia — springing from lichen-covered trees and moss-grown rocks. They are called *parasitos* by the natives. They are not, however, parasites—they use their host only for support, not for nourishment, for they manufacture their food from the moisture-laden air and from sunlight. Among the more sought-after plants are the Christmas orchid and the perfumed orchid in Colombia, and the rare Easter orchid of Venezuela. In all there are some seventy-five hundred different known species of orchid ranging from the exotically beautiful blossoms of the rare plant which is worth several thousand dollars, to the very ordinary looking variety from which vanilla is manufactured.

Less than half a century ago orchid growing regions of Colombia and Venezuela caused about as much of a stampede as California did in the gold rush days. The orchid hunters maintained the utmost secrecy regarding their hunches and their finds—using maps with secret markings, going through elaborate maneuvers to cover up their trail—and talking not at all. Today—with orchids under cultivation here in the United States—the hunting fever has died down. Yet growers still need to import fresh plants from the jungles with which to invigorate their stock, and they are always on the lookout for new species. So orchid hunters still go adventuring — journeying far into unexplored regions in search of their gorgeous prey. They endure heat and hunger and fatigue, run the gamut of jungle insects and animals, expose themselves to malaria and jungle fevers — even to death itself—in order that some beautiful woman may wear the most beautiful of all this royal family of flowers.

EDNA MAE STARR.

BERTRAND NEWS

Joe Fenimore was a visitor last week.

Harold Hill, railway mail clerk, St. Louis to Little Rock, was in town Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brodhacker, East Prairie, were Sunday dinner guests of their cousins, Misses Nancy and Maude, Will Marsh.

Imogene Cox, Morehouse, spent their week end with Marian Elliott.

Mrs. Ruby Finley, Chicago, visiting her mother at Charleston, was the Friday night guest of Mrs. John Brashears.

Jewel McClain, Lucille Bethune are employed at the Charleston Store since Saturday noon, Dec. 7 for the holidays.

Ill were Martha Ann Russell, Jerry Cunningham, LaVern Hurley, Lois Thomas, colds; Ruth Hurley, light pneumonia; Mary Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collier were oyster supper guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier, Sikeston.

Norma Cunningham was the Tuesday night guest of Mrs. H. C. Bennett, Charleston.

Joella Patrick and Anita Beabout were in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Methodist Young People's and Senior's class is to have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Eugene Bethune Monday, Dec. 23.

Cloude Cunningham, Dupont powder plant guard, Memphis, was at home for the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Williams, the latter his sister, Matthews, were up to see him.

Lucy Nelsno, Benton, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Rus Hurley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee, Charleston, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Groves, Buddy, have returned from a Tennessee visit.

Mrs. George Nelson, Benton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rus Hurley.

Colleen and Jerry Cunningham, Gerlene Elliott were party guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Binford, Sikeston.

Mrs. Ollie Albright, Mrs. Raymond Albright, Mary Jo, route, hsopped and visited in Sikeston Thursday afternoon.

ARMER CLUB PARTY

The ladies of the Armer Home Demonstration Club were entertained with a lovely Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. E. Stauffer Friday, Dec. 13. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and a cheerful blaze glowed in the fireplace.

Four ladies read a playlet "The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, after which everybody joined in singing carols.

Names were drawn for 'Sunshine Friends' for the next 4 months. Each lady brought a present for the surprise bag. These were numbered and each one drew a number—receiving a present. The hostess served fruit jello with whipped cream, nut cake, chocolate, Christmas candy, and salted pecans.

Eighteen members were present to enjoy Mrs. Stauffer's hospitality. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harry Bailey on Friday, January 10.

Mrs. Charley Rushing was in Diehlstadt Thursday afternoon to see her father, C. Jackson, who returned home Thursday from Barnes hospital, St. Louis, after about a month's treatment and two operations. He is recuperating at home.

Mrs. Earl Cook has returned to Sikeston from Mt. Vernon hospital where she is unable to get further treatment.

Mrs. Bert Rusesll was ill of tonsillitis early in the week.

Judy Voelker began holiday work at the Charleston Store Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bertrand School is to present a Christmas operetta Thursday night, Dec. 19.

Ira and George Fenimore were in Charleston early Saturday afternoon.

H. L. McKinley, near Sikeston, has bought the old school lot and began building a house on it last week. Mr. McKinley and his family are formerly of Bertrand and he has two married sons, Bill and Claborn, one married daughter, Mrs. Harvey Jobe, living in town now.

Superstitions About Christmas

SIGNIFICANT meanings surround Christmas, according to superstitions believed in various parts of the world.

¶ In Holstein, Mistletoe is not only supposed to be a cure for all green wounds, but will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler.

¶ Early Norsemen believed for centuries that the Mistletoe would give protection against both bodily ailments and evil spirits.

¶ A person who is born on Christmas will have power to see and command spirits, according to a Scottish belief.

¶ French peasants believe that babies born on Christmas have the gift of phophecy.

¶ If a baby is born at sermon time on Christmas Eve in Middle Europe, it portends that someone in the house will die within the year.

¶ Daughters born in the Vosges, France, on December 25 will be wise, witty and virtuous.

¶ A baby born on Christmas in Silesia will become either a lawyer or a thief.

¶ Girls in the ancient Duchy of Swavia seldom missed the opportunity offered by Christmas to look into the future at their future husbands. On Christmas Eve they would go to the woodpile to draw sticks. If a girl pulled a thick stick, her husband would be stout; if a long stick, he would be tall; if a crooked stick, he would be deformed. They would determine the business of their future husbands by dropping melted lead into a pan of cold water. The molten metal would form various shapes in cooling, and thus resemble the insignia of his occupation: hammer shape, a carpenter; shoe shape, a cobbler. Every piece of lead resembled some occupation to the old wives.

¶ A maiden in Switzerland who accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas also accepts the man who proffers it.

¶ All animals in the German Alps can speak on Christmas Eve.

¶ It is believed in the Netherlands that nothing sown on Christmas Eve will perish. Even seed sown in the snow will live.

¶ A Bohemian wife will die within a year if she burns a Christmas cake.

¶ To insure an abundant harvest in Denmark, some of the bread baked on Christmas is kept until sowing time, when it is mixed with the seed.

¶ It is said that bread baked on Christmas in England never becomes moldy.

¶ Ashes must not be thrown out on Christmas day in some sections of Europe, for fear they might be thrown into the Savior's face.

¶ Some families in Scandinavia place all their shoes together on Christmas. This will cause them to live in harmony throughout the year.

Stormes novelty company is now rapidly completing its new 1-room office building across from the factory.

The new Church of God building is being completed, having been blue roofed.

METHODIST NEWS

The Methodist Christmas program is to be at the church Sunday night, Dec. 22.

The adult choir is to practice Saturday night at Anita Beabout's home and Sunday morning following Sunday school.

The W. S. C. S. met Wednesday at Mrs. John Gaty's home. Future meeting is postponed till after holidays.

The Christmas decorations committee announced Sunday by Supt. John Gaty is: C. Pepters, Jinny Russell, Murray Cobb, Judy Voelker, Jane Lett, Charles Elliott.

Rats in Pants Leg Gives Auto Driver Hectic Moments

Paris, Mo., Dec. 19.—Roy Griffith, farmers of west of here, found a hole in the bottom of his car floor and noticed now and then that a rat came through it into the body of the car. Griffith had considerable fun with his wife suggesting that the rat might come through the hole while the car was running and Mrs. Griffith was in it. Last week, however, Griffith, his wife and son were on their way to Paris when the rat did come through from its unknown hiding place, but instead of turning toward Mrs. Griffith, it ran up one of Griffith's pant legs, on up under his shirt and across his back, then down the other side and out the other pant leg, while Griffith vainly tried to rid himself of it and at the same time keep his car in the road.

No accident occurred, but neither could the rat be found when Griffith searched after finally stoping the car. The hole has been repaired.

Rats on Monroe County farms this year are more numerous than ever before. On the Sidney McIlhaney farm near Santa Fe recently, a rat hunt resulted in 168 being killed in one day.

$2,679,000 OFFERED FOR LAKE PROJECT IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 19.—Congressman Kent Keller disclosed last night in a telegram that President Roosevelt had approved release of $2,679,000 to the WPA to advance development of the Crab Orchard Lake project in Jackson and Williamson counties.

It was said the money was earmarked for completion of recreational facilities and construction of two auxiliary lakes, 1000 acres and 600 acres, south of Crab Orchard Lake.

The auxiliary lakes are to be used as storage reservoirs to maintain the level of Crab Orchard Lake during dry seasons. Surveys for the new lakes have been made and much of the required acreage already has been acquired by the Federal Government.

When notified of the new allotment, Charles E. Hamilton, superintendent of the lake project, said 2500 men would got to work immediately.

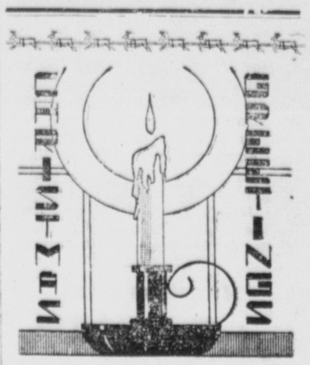
'MISTREATMENT OF GERMANS' IN U. S. ASSAILED IN CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 19.—A plea that public opinion halt what he called "cowardly and brutal" mistreatment of residents of German extraction in this country was voiced in the House today by Congressman Sumner (Dem.), Texas. Sumners said he know of recent instances of such mistreatment.

"They are just as loyal as you are," he told House members. "Public opinion ought to put its faith definitely against this."

House members applauded vigorously.

Circuses originated in the days of ancient Rome.



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPINESS DURING
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BROWN JEWELL
Police Judge

Christmas
in the Old-time American Spirit

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

We select the Christmas Season to thank our many customers and friends for the splendid support given us during 1940. Your confidence and cooperation have made the Bank of Sikeston what it is today. We want you to know that we appreciate your patronage, and are grateful for your patience and consideration during rush hours.

Our officers and employees join in extending to all of you and yours sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 1940

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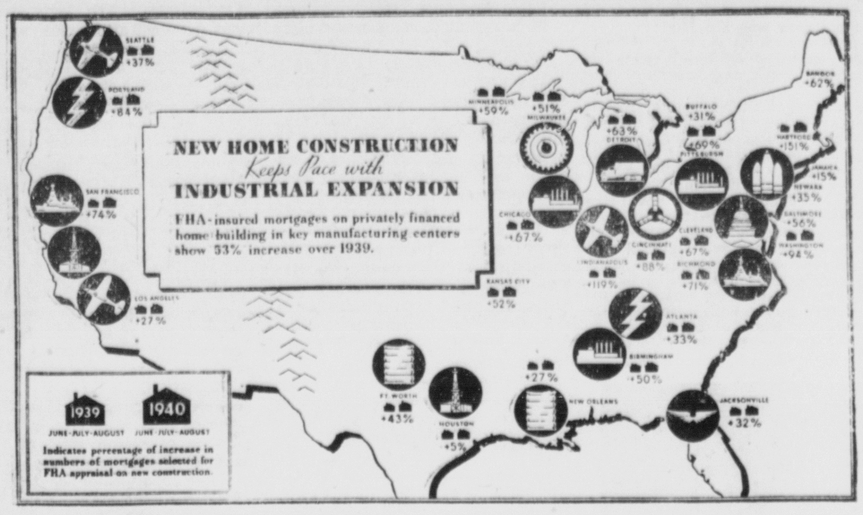
THE VOGUE SHOP

about wishing you a Merry Christmas!

FHA Gains Parallel Plant Expansion



Pigeons tend two nests at the same time. They begin setting on another set of eggs when one family is only two days old.

FOR YOU,
YOUR FAMILY,
YOUR FRIENDS,
OUR FRIENDS!

A Merry Christmas To All

GILBERT'S CAFE
Closed All Day Christmas

Real Estate Transfers

NEW MADRID COUNTY, Grover Meatte, Recorder.

Fisher Bros. Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Burge, Los Angeles, Calif., Lot 1 and E½ Lots 2-3, N W, 1-22-10, 135.69 acres; W½, Lots 2-3, NE, south of railroad, 1-22-10, 41.35 acres; SE, 1-22-10, 136.05 acres; W½, 6-22-11, 381.21 acres; W-SE, south of railroad, 31-23-11, 41.65 acres; part of SE-SW south of railroad, 31-23-11, ten acres; all of 31-24-13, 640 acres; W½, Lots 2-3, NE, north of railroad, 1-22-10, 22.46 acres; W-NW, Lot 2, 31-23-11, 87.26 acres; W-SW, Lot 2, 31-23-11, 86.12 acres; east part of Lot 1, NW, 1-22-10(40.40 acres; east part of Lot 3, NW, north of railroad, 1-2-10, 44 acres; SE, 36-23-10, 164.6 acres, $1.

Fisher Bros. Co. to Ethel B. Hetchcock, Los Angeles, Calif., same as above, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns of Blytheville, Ark., to Virginia K. Klemme, St. Louis, all SE and S-NE, 22-24-13, lying east of Otter Slough Ditch, $1.

Himmelberger - Harrison Lumber Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Elam, all SE, 17-22-11, lying east of center line of Ditch 5, Drainage Dist. 28, 80.32 acres, $100.

Himmelberger - Harrison Lumber Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beis, all of SW-SE, 23-21-11, south of right-of-way of Ditch 57 and east of Ditch 256, Little River Drainage District, 20.12 acres; S-NE, 26-21-11, 39.83 acres; all of W-NE, except the right-of-way of Ditch 256 across the extreme northwest corner, 26-21-11, 81.33 acres; all of W-SE, 26-21-11, lying north of public highway known as Plank Road, or Pole Road, except right-of-way to Ditch 258, Little River Drainage District, 47.1 acres, $100.

Himmelberger - Harrison Lumber Co. to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene May, all of N-SW, 28-21-11, lying east of the center line of Ditch 5 in Drainage Dist. 28, 78.79 acres; all of NW-SE, 28-21-11, lying west of the center line of Ditch 9, Dist. 28, 12.17 acres, $100.

Southern Supply and Storage Co. to A. T. Pikey, all Lots 1-6, Block 23, Barnes First Add., Marston, $200.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bierschcwal to J. D. Akins, 100 acres off the east side, SE, 25-22-13, $1.

Prudential Insurance Co. of America to T. L. Streeter and K. M. Streeter, Catron, E, Sec. 5, and east ten acres of W, Sec. 5, all in 23-13, evcept 3.48 acres to drainage ditch, 335 acres, $23,800.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Prichard to Alberta Townsend, all of La Grange, Ill., E-NE, 28-23-11, $1.

Rozier, Inc., of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, soouth two acres, SE-NE, 15-25-14; all N-SE, except two acres in cemetery; all S-SE except 4.09 acres in the southwest corner, 15-25-14, totaling 200 acres, $4500.

General American Life Insurance Co. to A. E. Allgier, Jr., NW, Sec. 24, and NE, Sec. 25, lying west of the right-of-way of the Frisco Railroad, in 22-11, 163.32 acres, $12,750.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. King to Cora Leslie Fuller, SE-SE, 24-21-12, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch, Cape Girardeau, to James Hampton and Lena Hart Hampton, Lot 4, Range G, Latham's Add., New Madrid, $1.

Lee Hunter, St. Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Mattie E. Allen, E½, Lot 1, NW, and all E½, Lot 2, NW, 4-22-12, 90.72 acres, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Davis to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Allen, Sikeston, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Davis, all NW lying east ofo Ash Slough Ditch, SW-NE; also, NW-SE, 1-24-13, totaling 164 acres; also, all N-SW lying east of Ash Slough Ditch, 1-24-13, 41 acres, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips, Sikeston, to James Miller, trustee for Robinson Chapel Baptist Church, tract 176 feet east-west and 247 feet north-south, beginning 295 feet west of northeast corner, in fractional SE, 7-23-14, $150.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. F. Shary and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baynes to H. H. Houchens, Mississippi County, Ark., all of N W-NW lying west of dredge channel of Little River and all of W-SW lying west of the dredge channel of Little River, 18-25-13, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Alley and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Alley, all of Michigan, to Mary Stewart, Lots 29-30, Block 3, Shidler's Add., Parma, $1.

Ollie M. LaFont to David and Francis LaFont, undivided interest as one of the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adcock, deceased, S-NE and S-NW-NE, 14-21-13, $1.

Lucinda Jefferies, Eva Metts, J. K. Robbins and M. Dixon Hagood, stockholders, to A. T. Pikey, Lots 1-6, Block 23, Barnes First Add., Marston, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Tilghmon to O. C. Clark, all of Pemiscot County, S-SW-NE, 9-20-11, 19.17 acres, $1450.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Diekroeger, St. Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beeson, SE-SE, Sec. 34, and W-N W-SE-NW and N-SW, Sec. 35, all in 24-14, $1.

Tommie Ann Young to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, S-NE-SE, 36-22-12, $1.

George P. Epstein, St. Louis, to Mrs. Margaret DeLisle, undivided interst in Mrs. Margaret DeLisle's First Add., Portageville, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell to to Tommie Ann Young, N-NE-SE, 36-22-12, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hancock to W. M. Allgier, north 70 acres, 27-22-11, $5250.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fuller to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Elfrank, S-E-SE, 24-21-12, $3600.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fisher, undivided half interest in NW-NE, 2-23-15, $375.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Solomon to Jeanette S. Solomon, all of Cairo, Ill., undivided one-half interest in half-acre between Frisco Railroad right-of-way and U. S. Highway 61, NW-NW, 31-21-13, Portageville.

L. B. Stokes and R. W. Stokes, all of E-NE, 31-22-11, lying east of the center line of Ditch 4, in Drainage Dist. 28 and 38, 80 acres. $3590.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morgan to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beeson. W-NW and SE-NW and N-SW, 35-24-14, and SE-SE, 34-24-15, $4,-500.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ross to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones, NW-NW, and north five acres off the north end of SW-NW, 25-23-13, 43.21 acres, $1.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Marlowe to E. E. Jones, Lots 27-29, Range E, Lilbourn, $45.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter to L. W. Stone, NW-NW, 21-23-12, 40 acres, $10.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Wallace, Dunklin County, to A. E. Allgier, Jr., 160 acres, NE, 20-2-11, $9600.

Genevieve Conran and Virginia Conran, Pt. Pleasant, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Sutherland, Portageville, Lots 1 and 7, Block 44, DeLisle's First Add., Portageville, $1000.

Mr. and Mrs. Lebbeus Mundy to Allgieer, W-E-SW and E-W-SW, 26-22-11, 80 acres, $4875.

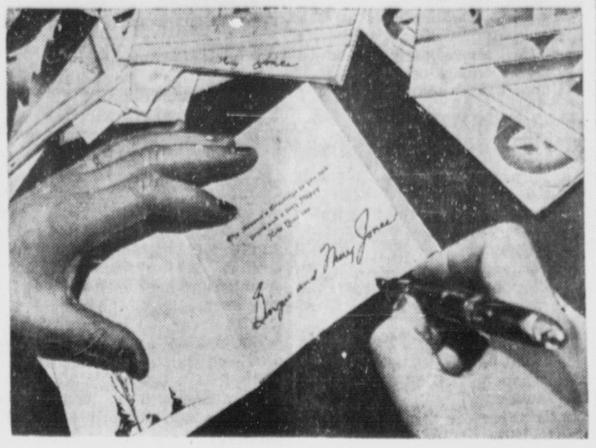
Estella Allgier, Risco, to A. E. Allgier, Jr., Lots 17--8, Block 2, of Himmelberger-Harrison Lumber Co., Original Plat, Risco, $1.

1941 MISSOURI AUTO TAGS WHITE ON BLACK

Jefferson City, Mo., December 19.—Missouri's 1941 car tags—white numerals on black background—will go on sale the day after Christmas.

Reserved plates (low number tags that are held by the same motorists year after year) will be mailed from the Secretary of State's office December 24.

Follow These Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards



IN ADDRESSING Christmas cards, many questions are bound to arise with regard to correct form. The following tips on addressing Christmas cards will, therefore, be welcomed by all who have cards to send.

Christmas greeting cards fall into two general classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mr. and Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell."

Whose name should come first, the husband's or the wife's? Generally, the husband's name comes first. On informal cards, signed in ink, it is quite proper to sign, "Bill and Shirley," or Bill and Shirley Adams, depending, of course, upon how well you know the acquaintance.

A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, should be addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Every card sent out should bear a Mr., Mrs., or Miss prefix. Failure to use this prefix is an unpardonable breach of courtesy.

Do not address a divorcee by her maiden name, unless such name has been established by legal procedure.

John Robertson may be a business associate of yours, to whom you want to send a Christmas card, but you do not know his wife. What shall you do in a case of this kind? It is quite proper to send your card to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, although, on the other hand, it is equally proper to send the card in his name only. It adds a little of the personal touch to learn the home address and send the card there, although directing the card to a business address is quite proper.

Some question as to the propriety of sending out Christmas cards may enter the minds of the family in mourning. By the same token, some question may arise as to the sending of Christmas cards to them. If the bereavement is very recent—within a month—it may be better for the family to omit Christmas cards. And cards to be sent to the family should be selected with considerable care.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

NEW MADRID COUNTY

Otibe Lewis and Lucille McQueen, Portageville.

Frank Worth and Velma Mansker, Morehouse.

Byron Poyner and Barnetta Wamp, Barnes Ridge.

Leo Bowney and Nadine Stubblefield, Portageville.

Gordon Stanfill and Edith Lomax, Wynnburg, Tenn.

PRINCESS MUST PAY MARYLAND INCOME TAX

Baltimore, Md., December 19.—Not even a Crown Princess escapes Maryland's income tax law.

The State Law Department ruled that Crown Princess Martha of Norway must pay the state income tax if she continues to live in Maryland. She leased a home in Bethesda last October.

The ruling on her taxability was asked by the Norwegian Minister and Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, who said "her royal highness came to the United States upon the invitation of this government and is a guest of this country under unusual circumstances."

Being a "guest' and having a (taxable) residence in Maryland are unrelated matter, the legal opinion held.

The domestic airlines operating in interstate commerce continued to maintain their good record, having flown for the 15th consecutive month without a fatality to passenger or crew.

HARD WINTER MEANS FIRE HAZARD

This is a hard winter. The South recently suffered one of the coldest periods in its history. Snow storms in the central area destroyed scores of lives and millions of dollars worth of property. Many regions have experienced cold of abnormal intensity. And the forecasts say that conditions such as this will probably extend well into the spring.

This kind of a winter inevitably gravely increases fire hazards. Old Man Statistics, turning to past precedents, can show you how many more of us will die, how much more property will be laid waste. But Old Man Statistics with his grisly figures can be beaten. We can show him that he isn't right this time.

To take a simple illustration, a severe winter puts great strains on heating plants, stoves, etc. We pile wood and coal in the furnace, and keep the fireplace roaring. That is safe enough if our heating equipment is in good order. But that is a very big "if" indeed. Most of us tend to put off until tomorrow what should be done today. If the furnace isn't quite right, we figure that it may get by—or that there will be plenty of time to have it fixed in the future. Maybe the chimney is throwing off a brilliant display of sparks—but we guess that there is no immediate danger.

That's the attitude fire likes. That's what makes Old Man statistics' forecasts of destruction come true. That's why fires costs us hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Know that your heating equipment is right—don't guess. And that's a job for an expert. Know too that all other fire hazards in your home are under control, and reduced to the minimum. If you do that, this winter won't see the end of your home—and, perhaps, the end of lives in your family.

CORINTH FIRST TO ADOPT COTTON XMAS

Corinth, Miss.—Record for being the first city to adopt the National Cotton Council's 1940 Cotton Christmas program goes to Corinth, Miss., where the Chamber of Commerce has been working closely with the Council since the inauguration of the program in mid-August.

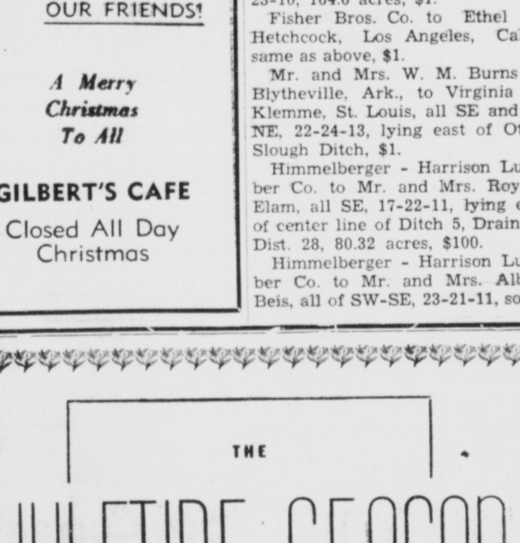
Chamber of Commerce officials said that virtually every merchant in the city had agred to cooperate to "make this a Cotton Christmas" in Corinth.

Newspapers, theaters, and civic clubs are actively working with the Chamber of Commerce on the program.

TWO NAMED TO STEPHENS COLLEGE HONOR LIST

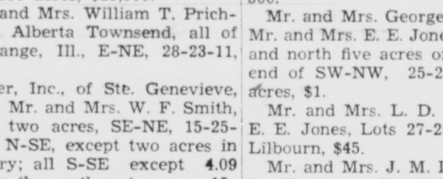
Miss Mary Emma Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Allen, and Miss Mary Jane Sikes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes, were named last week to the dean's honor list at Stephens College, Columbia, for being among the upper ten per cent of the student body of more than 1700. Both girls are prominent in campus activities.

THE
YULETIDE SEASON
BRINGS A
JOYOUS GREETING
TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS



In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails everywhere, may we bring a message of Good Cheer to each of you. and express a sincere wish that the coming year holds the realization of your fondest hopes and ambitions.

Sikeston Farm Equipment Inc.
ALLIS-CHALMERS DEALER



It's Christmas, and with its coming we welcome the fine spirit of friendliness that goes with it, and are desirous of sending this Greeting to all those we serve and those whom we hope to serve.

Elite Hat Shop

IT'S CHRISTMAS

MAY YOURS BE A MERRY ONE AND THE NEW YEAR FILLED WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS
with
Camels and Prince Albert
E. R. TAFT
Rex Lambert

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given."
Isaiah 9:6

May the Light of Happiness Shine for You on Christmas Day And Throughout the New Year

Sikeston Fruit Market
Webber and Hayes

THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER

Finds us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing a warm and friendly GREETING to our hosts of friends in the community which it is our privilege to serve.

It is our sincere wish that we may continue those fine relationships that have come our way.

Sincere good wishes for a Joyful Christmas and . . .

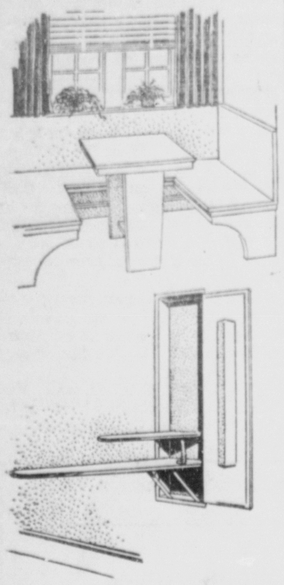
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sikeston Cotton Oil Mill

Better Homes Living

Home owners who modernize their dwelling often are surprised that they endured little inconveniences for so long.

Now it is more surprising than ever, since remodeling work may be financed under the Moderniza-



tion financer under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. The home owner who has grown weary of annoying defects and lack of convenience can give freedom to his wishes, for the opportunities under the FHA plan are broad.

"Built-in" is rapidly becoming a more important word in the vocabulary of the home owner. To say that built-in furniture, shelves, cabinets, and other items of convenience constitute a trend would be an understatement. Because these items are usually located precisely where they are most needed, and because, being built in, they are always in the same place, most progressive builders believe that built-in items will become more and more permanent features of modern home building.

Two examples of built-in conveniences are illustrated here. The fold-away ironing board fits snugly in the little cabinet, thus the chore of home pressing is vastly lightened. The built-in breakfast nook shows only one of many possible styles.

No longer are these features and others like them regarded as luxuries confined to new homes. Older homes may have them(too.

Bulldog Cagers Mark Time Until After Holidays

The Sikeston Bulldogs have no more basketball games on the menu until after the Christmas holidays.

Play will be resumed in the New Year when Chaffee comes here for January 3 for two games, with the "A" and "B" teams.

The Growlers closed their pre-holiday series last week with a victory over Central High at Cape Girardeau. Cape comes here for a return game Feb. 14.

Coach Green said the Bulldogs would resume their practice the Monday following Christmas.

Pictures of Lexington during the Civil War era will occupy a prominent place in the 1941 Kansas City Better Homes show states the Advertiser-News, recently commenting on the wealth of Civil War lore stored in and near that city. Miss Emory Todhunter, of Lexington, president of the Missouri division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be in charge of the exhibit.

Are you a last Minute Christmas Shopper?

Say it with Flowers from Sidwell's FLOWER BASKET 111 CENTER ST. PHONE 777

CHRISTMAS COMMISSION

By Ormsby Clark

THE grounds were pitch black as Blackie approached the house. It was scarcey business, trying to enter some one else's home. Blackie had been so intent on getting even for having his commission taken away, being cheated by a slick lawyer from his hard earned cash, that he hadn't realized just how he'd feel. Even Hilda hadn't held out against it finally. That was because the kids kept talking about what Santa would bring them tomorrow, and there wasn't even money for food. The thought bucked him up a little, but as he came out of the grounds close to the house, Blackie's heart was going faster than it should.

A dark figure, bulky and moving with difficulty, passed not far from the bushes where he was resting before the final entry. Blackie slunk back out of sight. But before the other figure was gone, a light was flashed on in an upper room. A moment later a shriek was heard: "Help, help, the baby is gone!" A head was stuck out of the window, and the screams increased.

Blackie's response was instantaneous. "What if it was one of my kids," was his thought. He dived through the bushes at once with a yell to the nurse: "I think he's here with the child!"

Unencumbered by a struggling child, Blackie had no difficulty overtaking the man with the bundle which looked suspiciously like it might be a child. As the nurse, and some of the servants drew near, Blackie made a flying tackle and stopped the man. The nurse grabbed the child. To secure the kidnaper was the work of only a moment. Then Blackie was ready to slip out of the picture completely.

RELUCTANTLY he waited in the reception room of the home he had come to rob. The parents had been sent for and were on their way home from a Christmas Eve ball. He was unhappily thinking how near he had come to a frame-up. It was the chauffeur who had taken the child. The chauffeur had hunted Blackie out and told him the Henshaws were to be at a ball that night and most of the servants were to be at a show. He would be chauffeuring the Henshaws. It had come out simply and straightforwardly and Blackie hadn't suspected that the chauffeur had adroitly suggested the whole thing to him.

There was a trample of footsteps and the sound of voices. The mother went straight up stairs, Mr. Henshaw to the hall, and straight over to Blackie. Taking him by the hand he said: "You have done a wonderful thing tonight, Mr. Black. I can never forget it, nor repay you for it. But I want to do something tangible to show my appreciation," and his hand stole into his pocket.

Blackie had stood just about all he could. He rose to his feet and looked squarely into Henshaw's face.

"Don't attempt to reward me, Mr. Henshaw. Perhaps you don't remember me. But I sold some property for you, in Verdugo Hills, and your lawyer cheated us out of our commission. Today I was penniless and I came up here to enter your house and take back my $500. But when your nurse called that the baby was stolen, I thought of my own kids and made a dash for the kidnaper. I'm not low enough to steal kids, but I was a thief at heart. I don't deserve any reward, or any thanks. I thank the Lord I was stopped in time from stealing!"

Mr. Henshaw's face had been a study. Now he smiled a crooked smile at Blackie. "I'm glad I have this opportunity to pay you a commission you earned months ago. It is a joy to know you don't have to steal what is yours, rightfully. Come around and see us after you have done your Christmas shopping!" And he handed him the $500.

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* * * Greetings

Our Christmas message is best expressed by our sincere wish that you may have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SIKESTON SEED STORE

Ira Dodd, Prop.

Meat Dishes Economical

When a roast or a steak are too much for the state of your exchequer, you'll find one of the meat dishes below a delicious substitute. Each uses an economy cut which, for all its thriftiness, is none the flavorsome and nourishing.

MEAT PIE WITH BISCUIT TOPPING

Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

2 lbs. bottom round of rump beef,, 1½" thick.
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon celery salt
½ cup becon fat
3 beef-bouillon cubes
2¼ cup boiling water
½ teaspoon bottled condiment sauce
3 large carrots, scrapped and cut in large pieces
12 small white onions, peeled

Cut meat into 1½" cubes, and dredge with ¼ cup of the flour, to which the salt, pepper, and celery salt have been added. Brown quickly in a large skillet in 4 tablespoons of the bacon fat. Melt remaining 4 tablespoons bacon fat in a deep well cooker, large kettle, or Dutch oven; add 2 tablespoons flour, and blend. Dissolve the bouillon cubes in the boiling water, and add gradually to the bacon fat and flour mixture; stir until well blended; add condiment sauce. Add browned meat and drippings to gravy; reduce heat to low, and simmer, covered, for 2 hours. Add vegetables, and continue cooking, covered, 1 to 1½ hours longer, or until vegetables and meat are tender. Then thicken gravy with remaining 2 tablespoons flour blended with 3 tablespoons water. Turn meat mixture into a greased casserole, and top with baking-powder biscuits cut with a doughnut cutter. Bake in hot oven of 450° F. for 15 min., or until biscuits are done. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3, make ½ this recipe, Packaged biscuit mix may be used for the biscuits.

BEEF BIRDS

1½ qts day-old bread crumbs
1¾ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons sage
1 tablespoon chopped celery
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
¼ teaspoon pepper
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup minced onion
6 "cubed" bottom-round steaks, about 3"x5", cut ¼" thick
3 to 4 tablespoons salad oil
2 cups canned tomato juice
2 tablespoon flour
3 tablespoons water
½ teaspoon bottled horseradish
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Combine the bread crumbs, ¾ teaspoon of the salt, the sage, celery, parsley, and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Meanwhile melt the butter; add the onion; and simmer until tender. Add the seasoned bread crumbs, and heat until a light golden brown, stirring the crumbs constantly from the bottom. Spread each steak with some of this bread dressing; roll up, and secure with toothpicks. Brown in the salad oil in a deep skillet. Add remaining 1 teaspoon salt and ⅛ teaspoon pepper, and the tomato juice. Cover, and simmer for 1 hour; or until tender. Serve with a sauce made by adding the 2 tablespoons flour blended with the 3 tabelspoons water to gravy. Season with the horseradish and Worcestershire sauce. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3, make ½ this recipe.

SAVORY LIVER

2 lbs. beef liver in one piece
3 peeled large onions
6 tablespoons salad oil or fat
¼ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
1 cup sour cream
½ cup water

Cut the liver in 1" thick slices. Slice the onions thin, and brown in a skillet with 4 tablespoons of the salad oil. Remove onions from the skillet. Rub the flour into the liver, and brown in the same skillet with the remaining 2 tablespoons salad oil. Add the salt, paprika, browned onions, sour cream, and water. Cover, place over low heat, and simmer gently about -½ hours, or until tender, turning once. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3, make ½ this recipe.

BROILED HAMBURG PATTIE

1 lb. chuck or rump, ground
2 tablespoon minced onion
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ cup canned condensed tomato soup
1 tablespoon prepared mustard

Mix together all ingredients except the mustard. Place on a shallow, greased baking pan, and form into a large, round pattie about 7" in diameter. Spread the top of the pattie with ½ the mustard. Heat broiler for 5 min.; then place the meat in the broiler, about 1½" to 2" below the burner or element. Broil from 7 to 10 minutes on first side; turn with a wide spatula; spread top with remaining mustard; and broil 5 to 7 minutes longer. Serve in pie-shaped pieces. Serves 4 or 5. To serve 2, make ½ this recipe.

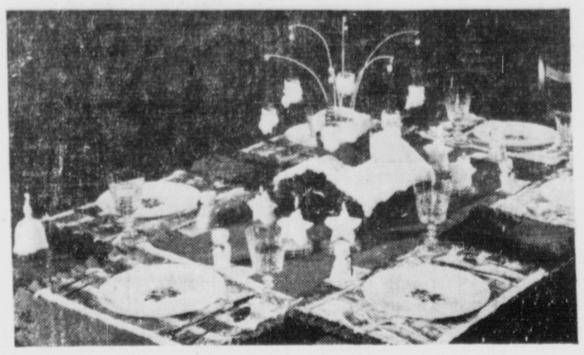
Decorating Your Christmas Table

Believe it or not, it costs a dollar or less to make an unusual Christmas table. The one shown below for instance, with a bit of ingenuity, crepe paper, cotton batting, marshmallows, didn't even cost a dollar.

HELEN KOUES
Director of Good Housekeeping Studio

Why not plan a novel decoration for the Christmas table? Something the grownups will like because it's festive and sets the day apart, and something the children will love!

Instead of using your regular table cloth or doilies, follow the suggestion given in the picture for a novel arrangement. A strip of red crepe paper, fluted on the edges, is used as a runner for the center of the table. Make place mats to match with the same fluted edges. Use cellophane or some type of glittering place mat which you can get at the chain stores to cover the crepe paper mats, to give sparkle to the table. A centerpiece is all important. The little snow-laden house is made from a cardboard box held together with transparent glue tape and covered with red brick paper. The windows are outlined in strips of bright red paper and the chimney is another small box inserted into the roof covered in red brick pattern paper, with cotton batting forming its snow covered roof. A bountiful chimney is sprouting Christmas favors. These are little heads of old Santa, suspended with tinsel strands from bits of wire secured to the chimney.



A novel centerpiece for your Christmas table

The children will love to find a bit of candy or some tiny toy in each one—a surprise when dinner is over. Not only the children, but any member of the family with a sweet tooth, will eye with interest the place cards made of marshmallows. Four and one half marshmallows make up this enticing snow man; two for his feet, one for his body, one for his head and one cut in half for each arm. Bits of candied cherries form the buttons of his coat, his mouth, while citron makes the other features. Or, red can be the entire color scheme. A red cellophane bow, under his chin, adds a Christmas dash. You will also find in your nearby stores, various types of Christmas candles. Here stars were used in semi circles at each end of the house, placed on little glass coolers. Any glass dish would be satisfactory and any Christmas candle would be as pretty. They may be white or red, or green.

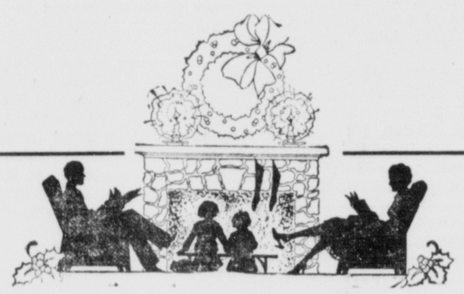
For napkins use squares of the red crepe paper.

Two rolls of red crepe paper at 15c each, one roll of brick paper at 15c, 6 candles at 5c each and a box of marshmallows at about 10c and the favors at .ve cents each, brings this gay Christmas table decoration to about $1 10.

There are lots of ways to vary it. Instead of the house, a pile of shiny Christmas tree balls could be used, or fruit could be piled around a tinsel covered basket acting as a grab bag from which tinsel cards attached to favors to be pulled, bring forth a silly rhyme or joke for each

twice 1 cup soft bread crumbs

A world without Christmas would be a world without friends



We are thankful for both.

A host of friends has made our progress rapid. The loyalty of our acquaintances has been of material benefit, bringing us a little closer to our goal of achievement.

Christmas gives us a splendid opportunity to express our appreciation for these friends and for the patronage they have given us.

We are glad that the particular world in which we live has friends . . . and Christmas.

The Season's Greetings to each of you!

Malone and Rex Theatres

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen
Owners

Mr. and Mrs. T. Duree (Pete) Medley, Mgrs.

Santa Letters

Sikeston, Mo.
Dec. 15, 1940.

Dear Santa Clause:

I am just a little girl 7 years old. I have been very good I go to school at Blodgett. I am in the second grade. I want you to bring me a nice baby doll, one that I can wash and keep clean and bring me some dishes too and Santa I would like a pair of house slippers. Santa Clause bring my little brother something. I think he wants a tricycle so I'll be expecting you at my house Xmas eve night.

Wanda Marie Williams
Sikeston, Mo.
R. 2, Box 70.

Sikeston, Mo.
Dec. 15, 1940.

Dear Santa Clause:

I want you to bring me a tricycle and a gun. I am 2½ years old. And some candy and nuts too Santa if that isn't too much and Santa Clause don't forget my little baby sister she is just 6 months old. I believe a rubber doll would be nice for her, so please visit us.

Your little friend,
Lawrence Wessley McCain
Sikeston, Mo.
R. 2, Box 254.

A model truck garden, to produce enough vegetables for the average size family is the goal of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bockhorst, of near Warrenton, says the Banner. The demonstration is being conducted under auspices of the Agricultural Extension Service and the Farm Security Administration. The garden is expected to produce twenty quarts of tomatoes, ten quarts of tomato juice and twenty quarts of green and yellow vegetables for canning.

COTTON CHRISTMAS PLANNED IN ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Ark. — Arkansas home demonstration club women are staging a campaign to make this Christmas a model Cotton Christmas in the state, the National Cotton Council was advised today by Miss Connie J. Bonslagel, state home demonstration agent.

Under the general direction of the extension service and the cotton utilization committee of the Arkansas Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, the campaign is already under way in every county of the state.

Cotton Christmas exhibits have been prepared and placed on display at fairs and achievement day programs throughout the state along with other exhibits on cotton utilization.

The general program as outlined by the extension service calls for exchange of cotton gifts at club Christmas trees, sponsoring of Cotton Christmas poster contests in 4-H clubs of the state, providing newspapers with stories on the project, sponsoring of window display contests among local merchants, using cotton plants and bolls for Christmas decorations, and staging cotton fashion shows.

The home demonstration clubs' campaign is an integral part of the Cotton Christmas program of the Statewide Cotton Utilization Committee.

Presbyterian Church

Christmas Service at 10:45 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Audacity of Christmas."

Sunday evening, Christmas play and tree.

REX THEATRE
Sikeston, Missouri

MONDAY, DEC. 23—
"Charter Pilot"
With Lloyd Nolan.
Admission—10c and 20c

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24-25—
"The Great Plane Robbery"
With Jack Holt.
Admission 10c and 20c

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 26-27—
"Day The Bookies Wept"
With Joe Pennar.
Admission—10c and 20c

SATURDAY, DEC. 28—
"Young Sacremento"
With Bill Elliott.
SERIAL.
Admission—10c and 25c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29-30—
"Grammar For Sale"
With Roger Pryor
Admission 10c and 20c

MALONE THEATRE
Sikeston Missouri

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

LAST SHOWING
MONDAY, DEC. 23—
"Night At Earl Carroll's"
With Ken Murray.
News and Comedy.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24—
"She Couldn't Say No"
With Roger Pryor and Cliff Edwards.
Comedy and Short.
BARGAIN NIGHT
—Matinee and Night—
Admissions ..... 10c and .196
State Tax ..... .004
Total ..... 10c and 20c

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DEC. 25-26—
"Comrade X"
With Clark Gable and Hedy Lamar.
Comedy and Short.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27—
"Dispatch from Reuters"
With Edw. G. Robinson
News and Comedy.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28—
"West Of Abilene"
With Chas. Starrett

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29-30—
"Go West"
With Marx Bros.
News and Comedy.

All Matinees except Saturday and Sunday 10c and 20c
Saturday, Matinee and Night 10c and 30c
Sunday, Matinee and Night 10c and 36c

St. Mary's Seminary Founded by Vincentians in 1818.

St. Mary's seminary in Perry county, Missouri, commonly known as St. Mary's of the Barrens, was incorporated by the State legislature on November 28, 1822, one hundred and eighteen years ago this week. This notable institution of classical and theological learning, the first of its kind west of the Mississippi and the nursery of many pioneer Catholic missionaries in the Middle West, soon became known throughout the Mississippi valley. In 1831, because of the competition offered by this Perry county school, Father Verhaegen, the first president of St. Louis university, advised moving St. Louis college, the forerunner of the university, to Louisiana.

The Barrens, now Perryville, Missouri, a small community of Catholics of English descent. Father Dunand of St. Ferdinand's parish at Florissant was a very welcome minister in this settlement and it was at his request that a church was built at the Barrens. In turn, Father Dunand had very direct influence in getting the first theological seminary in the diocese of St. Louis located at the Barrens.

In 1818, when he learned that Bishop du Bourg was bringing a party of Lazarists to Upper Louisiana, he proposed that the Catholics at the Barrens buy a tract of land immediately adjoining the church and offer it to the bishop as a site for the seminary. The bishop liked the location and accepted the generous offer.

While the seminary building was in the process of construction during the summer and fall of 1818, the seminarians were housed in a home near the church and there the seminary virtually began. The seminary building when completed was a combination of log, frame, brick, and stone and served as the chapel, dormitory, study hall, kitchen, and workshop. At one time in this small building Father Rosati, the first rector or headmaster, taught theology to a group of young seminarists at the same time that other swere engaged in cook- that others were engaged in cook-

It may be said that the institution was Father Rosati's own creation. It was he who devised the plan of the institution and superintended its construction while teaching the most important courses and acting as pastor to the Catholics of the surrounding country.

In time, plans were made to build a larger and better church to replace the old church at the Barrens. On January 6, 1827, the cornerstone of the Church of Assumption was laid—the church of St. Mary's seminary. This church, which was planned as a counterpart of the Lazarists church in Rome, is now the mother church of the Vincentian fathers for the western province of the United States. It contains the tomb of Father de Andreis, the first superior of the order in American. Since this saintly father approved Bishop du Bourg's plan to establish the Vincentian seminary at the Barrens, the church and his tomb are a fundamental part of the institution—"the shrine of visiting priests and laymen."

The lack of equipment in the seminary was more than compensated for in the devotion and scholarship of the fathers. In addition to their duties at the seminary the priests ministered to the spiritual needs of a large number of Catholics in the neighborhood and visited missions, some of them as far away as the Arkansas territory.

A notice in the Missouri Republican in 1828 announced that the buildings at the seminary were being enlarged. The original curriculum in the classics and theology was enlarged to include courses in English, French, Spanish, Mathematics, bookkeeping, geography, history, reading, and writing. Board and room cost $80.00 a year, and one finds a modernistic note in the announcement that for a fee of $3.00 a year a student was entitled to medical care. Wealthy planters sent their sons up the Mississippi river, some to become candidates for the priesthood, others to become students in the collegiate department. According to a statement made in 1831, the seminary had an enrollment of 150 students, one hundred of whom boarded in the school.

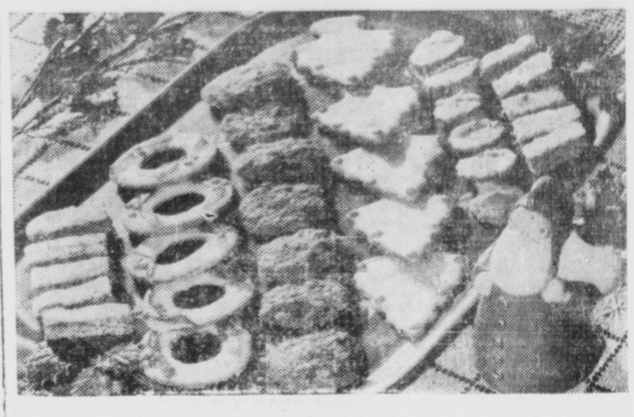
It was on December 13, 1830, that the State legislature gave St. Mary's seminary the right to confer A. B. and A. M. degrees, the first expressed legislative grant to its kind in Missouri.

St. Mary's of the Barrens continued to serve the dual purpose of seminary and college until 1844, when the collegiate department was moved to St. Vincent's college at Cape Girardeau. Since that date, it appears the chief function of the institution has been the training of men for the priesthood. The scholarship and progress of this seminary even from its earliest days have given it a notable place in the history of higher education in Missouri.

In comparing some 15 typical European air routes with the routes of the United States we find that the charge per passenger-mile is somewhat higher in Europe, averaging 6.5 cents to 5.15 for the United States.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
AND
BEST WISHES
FOR A
NEW YEAR
OF
HAPPINESS

LYNN SWAIM
Model Barber Shop



Cookies for Christmas

THE yultide holidays just aren't complete without the traditional assortment of Christmas cookies. They may be any kind, chosen to satisfy the tastes of the family or friends for whom they're intended; but be sure to include among them one or two specialities of your own, and several particularly festive, and out-of-the-ordinary varieties. And if you plan to pack boxes for friends far away, choose cookies that are not too delicate to withstand the strain of travel. Soft, fruity cookies travel best, with less likelihood of crumbling, and they keep well, too.

You'll want to add to your collection of holiday cookie recipes this one for rich, chewy "Chocolate Drops"—a prime favorite with everyone who likes chocolate—and who doesn't? These delicious little morsels add a professional touch to a holiday cookie tray; and faraway friends and relatives will hear it when they write "Thank you!" for a Christmas cookie box packed to the brim with "Chocolate Drops."

Chocolate Drops
(Makes 3½ dozen cookies)

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs (well beaten)
2 squares chocolate (melted)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup flour
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup pecans (cut fine)
½ cup semi-sweet chocolate (cut in pieces the size of peas)

Cream shortening and add sugar gradually. Beat in the eggs. Add melted chocolate and vanilla, and mix well. Sift flour and salt together. Combine with nutmeats and the cut chocolate. Add to first mixture. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in a moderately slow oven with the electric thermostat set at 325° for 12 - 15 minutes.

You'll find that baking cookies in your modern electric range is something to look forward to with pleasure. Roomy ovens in these new ranges accommodate large-sized cookie pans; accurately controlled temperature insures even baking and browning without the necessity of shuffling pans from shelf to shelf, and changing their positions in the oven. Just preheat the oven to the desired temperature, and place well-filled cookie pans in the oven. Set the timer to remind you when the baking time is up, and without further ado, you'll have pans of cookies, uniformly browned, and baked to a turn.

Aluminum Utensils Are Safe To Use

An occasional letter or comment from readers tells us that some consumers still have the erroneous belief that it is harmful to cook in aluminum utensils. There is no scientific evidence that well-made aluminum utensils are harmful in any way. As a matter of fact, even though we did not use aluminum utensils for cooking, we should still be taking measurable amounts of aluminum with our meals. Many common foods contain some aluminum in their natural state, such as ham, beef, potatoes, green beans, beets, cabbage, apricots, prunes and oatmeal. Obviously if the mere presence of aluminum in food was harmful the human race would have been killed off long ago. Dr. Walter H. Eddy, Director of Good Housekeeping Bureau, supplies the following information:

"Unlike some metals, such as lead, aluminum in small amounts does no harm because it does not accumulate in the body. It is eliminated almost as fast as we eat it. Did you ever have the misfortune to swallow a button or a penny? It didn't poison you because it passed through your intestines without dissolving or being absorbed into the blood. That is true of almost all the aluminum we swallow, and is the reason for its harmlessness.

Dr. E. V. McCollum of John Hopkins University reported in 1928, after a study of the matter that (1) aluminum compounds are not absorbed out of the stomach or intestinal tract when present in the diet; (2) aluminum compounds, when present in the alimentary tract, do not form any union or compound with the stomach or intestinal walls; (3) aluminum compounds in the diet of test animals, in concentration as high as 660 parts per million, exerted no deleterious effect on growth, reproduction, or general well-being of the test animals, as judged by weight, extrnal appearance, or autopsy of the body. This is the dictum of one of our outstanding guardians of public health!

"Dr. Garbiel Bertrand, head of the Biochemical Department of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, in a report written in 1934, reached a similar conclusion, the gist of which is as follows: We never have seen any untoward effect from the eating of as high as 10 mgms. of aluminum per pound of body weight, which confirms our previous experiments and conclusions regarding the relative harmlessness of aluminum swallowed with foods.

"In the Biochemica Zeitschrift, the German investigator, Dr. F. Wuhrer, reviews part work and his own experiments up to 1933, and says, 'Seventy days' ingestion of considerable quantities of aluminum hydroxide had no effect on human beings.'

"And in January, 1936, in the American Medical Journal was published this resume of the whole subject: "There is no convincing evidence that aluminum in the amounts in which it is likely to be consumed as a result of the use of aluminum utensils, has a harmful effect on the ordinary consumer.'

"With such an impressive weight of evidence and scientific opinion to refute the false rumors that there is anything harmful in food cooked in aluminumware, you can use aluminum utensils with absolute confidenec in their safety."

Put Proper Postage On Christmas Mail

Unsealed Christmas cards will carry for one and one-half cents postage. These cards may bear a simple inscription, which must not be in the nature of personal correspondence. Examples: "Sincerely yours," "With Best Wishes," "Merry Christmas." Be sure the weight of the card and cover does not exceed two ounces.

Letters may not be enclosed with Christmas packages. Such enclosure would make the package first-class. In fourth class or parcel post packages, written greetings such as "Merry Christmas," with identifying names, may be enclosed. Books may bear simple non-personal dedicatory inscriptions. They are carried at a special rate of one and one-half cents per pound.

Hundreds in Army and Navy, Seized Bund Records Show

Chicago, Ill., December 19.—A Municipal Court investigator who declined to be quoted said today that records seized at the Chicago offices of the German-American Bund included a list of between 1500 and 2000 U. S. Army and Navy officers and privates who apparently were members of the bund.

The records were seized by order of Municipal Judge Oscar S. Caplan in an effort to determine whether the bund and the Teutonia Publishing Company, which have adjoining offices on North Western avenue, had assets to pay delinquent tax bills. They are being sued for non-payment of personal property taxes.

The records were seized by Sergt. Steve Leddy of the State's Attorney's police, a bailiff of the court, and two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents. They were inspected immediately behind closed doors.

William S. Devereaux, FBI agent in charge here, declined comment.

One of the investigators said, however, that the Army and Navy list was checked against an indexed file of "several thousand" Middle West bund members, and that some of the names were on the list.

MISSOURI TO GET FEDERAL HOSPITAL

Washington, Dec. 19.—Construction of a 1,000-bed general hospital in Missouri at a cost of approximately $1,500,000 is planned by the army, informed persons said today.

War Department officials would not discuss the plans pending final determination of the location. It was learned, however, that at least three cities—Carthage, Joplin and Springfield—were being considered as the site of the hospital, which would be the last of nine planned by the War Department to meet requirements of the expanded army.

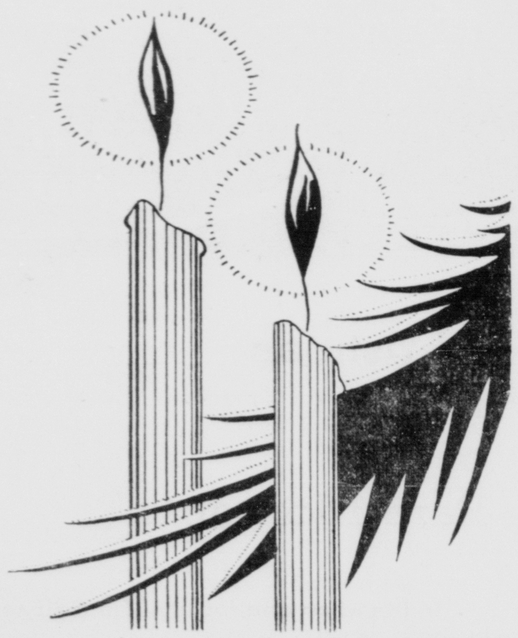
Limited existing facilities available at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, probably would be used to supplement the new hospital.

MAY THE JOYS OF
THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON
REMAIN
WITH YOU
THROUGHOUT
THE
COMING YEAR

LARIMER'S
BAND BOX
CLEANERS

APPRECIATING to the fullest extent the cordial relations existing between us in the past, we take this opportunity to cordially wish you an old fashioned
Merry Christmas

May the Happiness and Good Cheer which we hope is yours this Christmas never cease in the days to come, and may the New Year bring each of you the Prosperity, Health and Real Happiness you so much deserve.



BEST WISHES for the Best Day of the Year

GRABER'S STORES

Old Santa Couldn't Do More!

If we could turn old Santa loose, with instructions to be particularly good to each of those who have been so thoughtful of us, we believe the jolly old gentleman would have a difficult time in getting around this year.

That's why we are so anxious to extend our sincere good wishes to all, and to wish for you and yours all the joys and happiness that you so richly deserve.

David Blanton
Prosecuting Attorney

Expressing Sincere Good Wishes

OUT OF THE PAST

The Christmas and New Year Season brings to mind the gratitude that is in our hearts for all the blessings that have come our way. In the past the friends of this organization have made possible progress and a certain amount of prosperity. Through these friendships life has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. All we ask is the pleasure of a continuance of these fine relationships—so that we may look with a genuine enthusiasm toward the future.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

E. C. Robinson Lumber Company
M. E. FUCHS, Manager

Carl said good-bye in the presence of Sarah's mother—and Henry.

CHAPTER ONE

"We used to run away when we didn't have the courage to face a problem—a man usually went out to Australia to raise sheep."

It was seasoned, melowed old age bantering with youth—bantering, not preaching—For Lord Shayne had a twinkle in his eye and a vibrant lift to his voice despite his seventy-odd years.

His artist friends' studio, in London, in the late Victorian nineties, was littered that afternoon with all the young man's worldly possessions—few enough to be easily accommodated in the sorry looking trunk and the three bags he was packing.

"What's the idea of packing up and running off? A fine thing, too, leaving me in this inadequate state. I have X-Rays at home that are more flattering!" Lord Shayne continued his banter. He had turned to an unfinished painting of himself. To do him justice, when finished, the painting would show a strikingly handsome man still possessed of amazing vigor, vitality—and good nature.

"I'll finish it from memory—and send it to you—but I know you don't care whether you get it or not," Roger replied. "It's tough to have your only client buying only from a sense of pity." There was complete frustration in his voice.

"I presume you'll finish this one of Betty from memory, too," Lord Shayne remarked. "I had dinner with her last night."

"Did she put you up to coming here?" Roger burst out hopefully.

"Out of deference to the presense of her father," replied Lord Shayne ruefully, "artists were definitely excluded from the conversation."

Bitterness crept into the youngster's voice. "I can understand that," he said. "The old boy threatened to cut her off without a bean if she even so much as looked at me again."

"And so you're deciding for Betty? You're sure that luxury and security means that much to her?" The old gentleman's manner was a bit more serious.

"Hang it all! I can't ask her to share nothing," Roger answered.

"Sharing love is far from sharing nothing," Lord Shayne said in quiet, even tones that suggested reminiscence. "You youngsters are so suspicious of sentiment. I find it very comforting.

"That from you—a confirmed old bachelor," Roger shot back in a you-can't-prove-it mood.

"But I did come here for a purpose," his old friend continued lightly. "Before you go I want to take you to see a charming lady."

"I'm sorry sir," said Roger. "I must get on with my packing—and beside, I don't feel like talking to anyone today."

"Our charming lady will do the talking," Lord Shayne answered with a smile. ". . . and she knows a great deal about this business of rasing sheep in Australia!"

They went — and before the charming lady came down to greet them in a drawing room that breather a mysterious sweetness and beauty, a double-hinged portrait frame on the piano told them a story. It was rich in memories for one of them. It saved the other's life!

Sarah Millick belonged to the Victorian era only by accident of birth. Her title parents chose her voice teacher and the man she was to marry in very much the same way Carl Minden had been teaching in the very best families in London. Harry Daventry was definitely "eligible"—he would inherit a title and money, his future in the Foreign Office was already assured.

Sarah often wondered: Was what her mother called her "impetuousity" a sin; was it wrong to be gay.—to do the things your heart told you it was right to do?

The new life she would begin when she married this very desirable young man would be like the old one. She asked Harry: "You don't like to do things impetuously, do you—to do them because you love them—because you'd hate to do anything else?" And his reply had been properly ponderous as befitted his position as a Foreign Office career man. "I have a simple philisophy Sarah," he had said . . . "and a sound one, too. It merely that there's a limit to everything." Perhaps she hadn't convinced him of her sincerity with her reply: "How right you are, Harry! A limit to music, a limit to spring, a limit to young boys and girls dancing, a limit to old people's remembering when they were in love."

Her association with Carl Linden—she couldn't call him Mr. Linden for he wasn't much older than she—hadn't helped to convince her that the English proprieties were the only ones—or even the best ones—in the world. Carl came from lovely Vienna and he couldn't help talking a bit about it now and then. He was going back. Vienna was the city of cultural beauty—there he'd find appreciation for the operetta he had written—there it would be produced—there he would achieve a success to be measured in something other than the English pounds he was earning!

Carl and his operetta! Sarah was sure it was the handsome young man's enthusiasm for his art, his genius as a composer she loved. She was going to marry Harry. That last lesson, the day before the wedding—just a few hours before the pre-nuptial ball-found her singing the selections from Carl's work which she had learned to believe in just as much as he. "The Call of Life"!—could any melody be sweeter, could any message be more lovely:

"There is a call that echoes sweetly
When it is Spring and love is in the air;
Whate'er befall, respond to it completely,
Tho' it may bring you sadness and despair.
Fling far behind you
The chains that bind you
That love may find you
In joy or strife;
Tho' Fate may cheat you
And defeat you,
Youth must answer to the Call of Life."

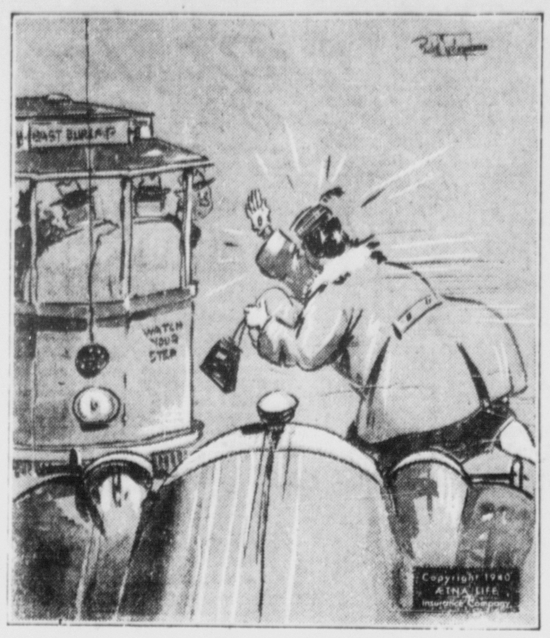
Carl had said goodbye—in the presence of Sarah's mother—and Henry. He'd see his pupil again, he said, when he played for the dancing at the ball — but the crowds would be too great for what he wanted to say. "I shall be far away in my own country, Miss Sarah," began the speech he may not have thought bold, "but each year when spring comes round again I shall remember you—and what a charming pupil you were. And I'll remember that, although you sometimes sang your top notes from the back of your throat and your middle notes through your nose, you always sang your deep notes from your heart!"

The lights were bright, the music was entrancing, her friends were dear—and solicitious. Sarah was shockingly "impetuous" at the ball. She upset a glass of claret punch over the waistcoat of the distinguished Sir Arthur Fenchurch! A lot of others had wanted to do it before. Jane, who dropped her "r's" and "developed" the passing of another "eligible" from the matrimonial market, hurried the news to the prospective bridegroom. "The poow man was dwipping," she said.

Carl sang another song from his operetta at intermission time. "Tho' there may be beauty in this land of yours," it went, "skies are often dull and gray. If I could but take that little hand of yours, just to lead you secretly away. We would watch the Danube as it gently flows, like a silver ribbon winding free; Even as I speak my longing grows, once again my dear land to see. If you could only come with me, if you could only come with me."

It was only "fiction"—but that night Sarah crossed the Channel with a penniless composer — the man she loved. Vienna and romance were their goal!

A welcome—military and unfortunate—in the next chapter.



"I'LL GET IT YET."

A quick dash may mean a sudden stop—and a slow recovery.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

Odd, isn't it, how a man can go out for a lark and come home with a few swallows under his belt?

Asked to write a brief essay on the life of Benjamin Franklin, a little girl wrote this gem of a paragraph:

"He was born in Boston, traveled to Philadelphia, met a lady on the street, she laughed at him, he married her, and discovered electricity."

Two somewhat intoxicated gentlemen were standing near the water's edge when one lost his balance and fell in. "Help! Help!" he called, as he floundered about. "I can't swim a stroke."

"Whash you hollerin' about?" asked the other. "You gotta fine chansh't learn, ain't you?"

John played truant from school one day, and the following morning was worried as to how to square himself with the teacher. He decided to write a note of excuse, signing his mother's name, which resulted in the following: "Please excuse Johnny for being absent yesterday. I tore my pants. Yours truly, Mrs. Jones."—Jackson Cash-Book.

The Adam's apple is the most sensitive part of the human body, according to authorities.

Belt Governors Asked to Issue Proclamations

Memphis, Ten.—The National Cotton Council announced today that it is seeking the cooperation of governors and mayors in all cotton-producing states in issuing proclamations officially designating this Christmas as a Cotton Christmas.

Governor of eighteen states are being asked by President Oscar Johnston of the Cotton Council to lend their support to the Cotton Christmas program "because its success is of vital interest to each of the states dependent or partially dependent upon cotton as a source of income."

Mayors of cities throughout the Cotton Belt will be contacted by the Councils county committees and other organizations sponsoring community observances of Cotton Christmas to gain their support of the program.

"From every section of the Cotton Belt and from many other states we have received endorsements of the Cotton Christmas program", Mr. Johnston declared. "Newspaper editors and merchants associations have been particularly enthusiastic in their commendation, stating that it offers a real opportunity to increase cotton consumption during a period of particularly heavy retail buying.'

The Council leader pointed out that already pledges of cooperation have been received from organizations in virtually very state in the Cotton Belt.

"This is a program deserving the recognition of every public official in the Cotton Belt," Mr. Johnston said. "We therefore urge that every governor and every mayor in the Belt designate this Christmas as a Cotton Christmas, and lend their support in making this major cotton merchandising event a real success.'

TEXAS ASSOCIATIONS ENDORSE XMAS PLAN

Dallas, Texas.—Leading in the movement to make this a Cotton Christmas in Texas, are the Texas Retail Dry Goods Association and the Retail Merchants Association of Texas.

These organizations have advised the National Cotton Council that they will distribute Cotton Christmas programs among their members ovr the state. More than 270 local retail merchants associations will be contacted during the campaign.

PHILIPPINE NATIVES PERISH IN CROCODILE-INFESTED RIVER

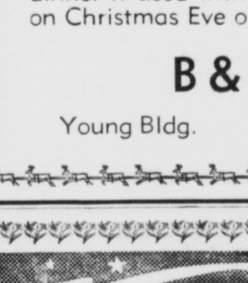
Manila, Dec. 19. — Eighteen Moros, including a number of women and children, died in the crocodile-infested Agus River after two native boats that had been lashed together sank in midstream.

There were only seven survivors.

There are 250,000,000 Moslems in the world.

Greeting You at Christmas and Wishing You Every Happiness

Sikeston Production Credit Association



THINKING OF YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

We are wishing you heaps of cheer and hoping these wishes will bring you joy every day of the year.

May your voyage through the days ahead carry you over pleasant ways to a new and full contentment.

This adventisement is worth a free Christmas dinner if used with three additional Dinners on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

B & N CAFE

Young Bldg. Center St.

A Joyous Yuletide

WITH BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

LLOYDS CAFE
North New Madrid St.

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Surveyor Elect

Merry Christmas!

HAPPY
New Year

DEMPSTER Furniture and Undertaking Co.

"What do you mean—a fair option price?" Gordon managed to inquire.

SYNOPSIS:

Dulcy Ward (Ann Southern), whose "heart is where her brain should be," is always trying to help people—and messing things up. C. Roger Forbes (Ronald Young) is guest of honor at a house party Dulcy has arranged. Mrs. Forbes and Angella (Billie Burke and Lynn Carver) are with him. Dulcy's brother Bill (Dan Dailey, Jr.) can't overcome Forbes' objections to his marrying Angela. Gordon Daly (Ian Hunter), whom Dulcy has met by accident and with whom she has fallen in love, is present at Dulcy's requst to try and sell an airplane motor he has invented. Forbes who owns Forbes Aircraft. A mildly deranged stranger who crashes a plane in the lake near the lodge has joined the party; he represents himself as Schuyler Van Dyke (Reginald Gardiner), financier. Forbes is leaving after a series of mishaps which has enraged him. He's seen Gordon's motor (with a vital part missing) and has refused to buy it.

CHAPTER FIVE

Gloom one could slice with a knife was the principal item on the menu for breakfast next morning at the Ward lodge.

True to his promise of the night before, C. Roger Forbes came downstairs looking for boat and train schedules and ordering his wife and daughter to pack.

Bill and Angela in one combination, and Gordon and his motor in another, were a lot worse off than when they started, as regards Mr. Forbes' approval of their cherished plans.

Dulcy ought to have been in complete despair—but she wasn't. Failure was a word she knew little about. That she had no coherent or logical plans to save what seemed to be a hopeless situation didn't mean that something wouldn't "turn up"—it 'most generally did, for better or for worse.

Gordon announced his departure for the city as soon as he could locate Sneezy, who seemed to have strayed away somewhere. He told Dulcy he was sure "Forbes would rather fly his planes with rubber bands," than with a motor that had his name on it.

Bill, tired of Dulcy's fumbling efforts in his and Angela's behalf, decided to try a plan of his own. He found the girl he was determined to marry alone in the library hiding from her father's latest storm.

"Listen, darling," he said quickly. "This looks like our swan song unless we do something about it. We've got to do it now—this minute—or else!"

Reluctantly Angela agreed to brave her father's wrath and elope within the hour, with the young man of her choice.

"We'll leave your father a note," Bill said. "He'll know about it before we are married—but he won't be able to do anything about it."

Angela wrote the note.

Bill found Dulcy on the terrace. "Where's Henry?" he asked. "I've something important I want him to do for me."

"Henry isn't here," was his sister's entirely non-cooperativ answer.

The time was short. Bill hurried Dulcy over to a secluded corner and whispered: "Then I want you to do me a favor."

"No more favors for anyone—I've reformed," was Little Miss Fix-it's sorrowful reply. Bill had heard that before. He sincerely wished it were true—but he was absolutely certain it wasn't.

Cotton Gifts For Cotton Folks

To increase cotton consumption, R. A. Oliphant, Chester, S. C., fertilizer manufacturer celebrates Cotton Christmas by giving his customers cotton gifts. Mr. Oliphant recently introduced the idea before the annual convention of the Southern fertilizer manufacturers urging its adoption throughout the Cotton Belt.

"See this letter," Bill whispered as he pushed a plainly addressed but not one second before he gets hands. "Give it to Mr. Forbes—bht not one second before he gets on the boat to go to the train!"

"Why . . . what's in it?" Dulcy asked, hanging back.

"Oh, for the love of Pete, you don't have to know," Bill answered. "But is has some . . . secret plans for a new kind of . . . amphibian. And, if you value your life, don't you mess up this job."

Dulcy thought it strange that Brother Bill kissed her hurriedly and said goodbye.

Mr. Forbes gruffly refused the inviting breakfast Dulcy offered to serve him from the buffet on the terrace. He had phoned across the lake for a launch to pick him and his family up and he was waiting nervously and impatiently. He weakened, however, when he lifted the cover off a dish of scrambled eggs.

"Sit down, please, and I'll fix some for you right away," said Dulcy. As she pulled out a chair for the slightly molified visitor, she absent-mindedly place Bill's letter, which she still carried in her hand, on the table. Mr. Forbes picked up the letter, boldly and properly addressed to him, before his breakfast was served.

Dulcy had no reasonable argument why he shouldn't read it—and he did. He had surprised Angela with his discovery of her elopment plans and was waiting in her room when Bill came in, bag in hand, ready for the final takeoff.

"Mr. Ward," he said angrily, "When I accepted your hospitality this week end I didn't suspect you would try to make off with my daughter!"

"Pardon me, sir," replied Bill with equal anger. "You not only suspected it—I think you expected it. But your expectations underwent a change—and I dare say Dulcy can be thanked for that. She certainly deserves thanks for giving you that note—and I'm going to see that she gets it!"

It was the mad Van Dyke who dried the tears Dulcy was shedding because of the "bawling out" her brother had given her. He'd been wandering around a bit aimlessly ever since more exciting events had engrossed the attention of his week end inamorata.

"Now, now," he said. "Don't cry. People just don't understand you. I know how it is—they don't understand me either."

"G-gosh! You're the first person that's said a nice word to me today," replied Dulcy gratefully. "Everything's gone wrong!"

"Tell me about it. You can confide in me . . . we understand each other," urged Van Dyke—and no speech was ever uttered in more comforting tones, for Mr. Van Dyke was always courtesy personified.

"Well, it all started over Gordon's motor," Dulcy began. "It's an airplane motor . . . runs on practically anything. I thought Mr. Forbes would buy it but—something happened, and now he's not interested."

"Forbes is crazy . . . just like the rest of them," said Van Dyke with conviction. "Tell me, do you think this motor a good proposition?"

"Good! Why, it's worth million!" Dulcy exclaimed—and her heart was speaking.

Van Dyke was silent for a moment. He gazed thoughtfully out over the lake.

"You know," he said. "This may have been a lucky week end for both of us. For some time I have been considering adding large scale airplane manufacturing to my other interests. Perhaps the motor is exactly what I need. Would it be possible to look at it?"

Gordon had just finished crating the motor for shipment back to New York when an excited Dulcy and Mr. Van Dyke found him in the boathouse.

"Gordon, stop! Open the box!" exclaimed Dulcy.

"What for asked Gordon dully.

"Mr. Van Dyke wants to see the motor . . . to back it," was the amazing statement he heard.

"As I was telling Miss Ward," Van Dyke broke in, "if the motor is all she claims it is I should be willing to give you a fair option price and make immediate plans for large-scale manufacture."

"What do you mean—a fair option price?" Gordon managed to inquire while slowly recovering from shock.

"Oh, er—say ten thousand dollars . . . pending a later contract on a twelve percent royalty basis," continued Van Dyke expansively.

Had they been less interested in the exciting business deal they were consummating the trio in the boathouse might have observed an interesting incident on the dock just outside the door.

A launch pulled up and a man with a traveling case prepared to get out. It was Homer Patterson.

"What makes you so sure I'll find my brother here?" he inquired of the boatman who had brought him.

"You said he was a loony-bug, didn't you?" the countryman returned.

"Well, er-er," Patterson stammered in embarrassment.

"Then if he ain't at this place I'm gonna be very surprised," was the cryptic response.

"You say the back entrance is this way? I don't want to startle or embarrass anyone," Patterson remarked as he stepped ashore and the boat pulled away.

"Hey! Hey! Come back here!" shouted Mr. Forbes as he came running down from the lodge. He was still marooned—waiting—and he thought the launch was the one he had summoned to rescue him.

The airplane manufacturer was the first person Dulcy met when she came out of the boathouse with Gordon and Van Dyke. She'd have shouted her glad tidings to the cook, the gardener, or the stable boy if anyone of them had been the first.

"Oh, Mr. Forbes! Guess what!" she cried as she grabed hold of him and blocked his way.

"Please, Miss Ward," he growled. "I'm in no mood for guessing games. Let me through."

"Mr. Van Dyke's going to back Gordon's motor," she continued excitedly.

"Yes, sir . . . here's a check for a sixty-day option," broke in Gordon who was riding the same high, fast-moving cloud.

The big, shrewd business man's thinking apparatus did a sudden and complete somersault. He dropped the bag he was carrying, fairly grabbed the check from Gordon, then turned to Van Dyke.

"Have you seen the motor?" he asked incredulously.

"Absolutely!" the pseudo financial and industrial wizard orated with sweeping gestures. "In six months' time, your planes will be obsolete. This motor is one of the greatest boons to the present day airplane business. I predict, Mr. Forbes, that in exactly one year from this very day you will be a broken man!"

Don't miss the final chapter.

Tarkio will have a new city park, according to the Rock Port Mail in announcing a federal allocation of $26,908 for use in developing the former CCC grounds recently acquired for that purpose. Buildings not needed in the park will be razed and modern, playground facilities installed.

A Joyous Noel

We sincerely hope your Christmas will be filled to overflowing with happiness and good cheer and may the New Year be one of Health, and Prosperity

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HOLIDAY DANCE CHRISTMAS NIGHT WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 THE CELLAR RUSSELL HOTEL CHARLESTON
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TEMPTING FOOD FOR THE CONVALESCENT

Preparing meals for a convalescent member of your family is a definite challenge to your ingenuity—you want the meal to intrigue the not-too-enthusiastic appetite and at the same time build him up to sparkling health. And in order to give yourself time for certain little extra touches which make mealtimes interesting for the patient, you have to plan his meals so you can prepare certain of his dishes along with the family's fare.

But there are compensations—you get real pleasure out of watching your patient grow stronger day by day and finally go back to his regular activities. You find you have some helpers you hadn't counted on as well. There are prepared strained foods, for example, that play such an important part in the diet of the modern infant. They are excellent to serve the patient who is allowed only soft foods.

When it comes to planning dishes which are good for both an active family and a convalescent, you can count on these strained foods making such tempting dishes as vegetable custards and soufflés and strained fruit desserts which everyone enjoys. The family finds it no hardship to be served such attractive foods and they are particularly good for the patient because they are a combination of health-giving milk and eggs with foods which furnish a maximum of vitamins and minerals.

Prepared strained foods eliminate the task of cooking and sieving which is necessary in order to have the fruits and vegetables easily digested by the convalescent for whom the doctor recommends a soft diet. Furthermore, they are foods which have been hurried to the preparation kitchens at the peak of their perfection, where they are cooked and sieved with special equipment in the absence of air. Thus they retain the highest possible proportion of their minerals and vitamins.

These foods—13 different kinds of vegetables, fruits, meats and cereals—lend themselves admirably to the making of various interesting dishes which everyone enjoys. The following menu composed of dishes made from prepared strained foods will delight the family as well as the patient. If you wish, you might substitute scrambled eggs and bacon for the poached egg on toast cubes and perhaps add a salad for the well members of the family. It has lots of color and variety to please the palate of the most temperamental patient.

Soft Diet for Patient and Family

Tomato Juice
Baked Carrot Ring with Buttered Spinach
Poached Egg on Toast Cubes
Fruit Tapioca Cream Parfait
Tea

Baked Carrot Ring with Buttered Spinach

Beat with a fork—
1 egg.
Add, combining thoroughly—
1 can strained carrots
1 tablespoon butter, melted
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon milk.

Pour into two buttered individual ring molds, set in a pan of warm water and bake in a slow oven (325° F.) 40 to 45 minutes. Unmold. Heat a can of strained spinach, add one tablespoon butter and salt to taste. Place half this vegetable in center of each ring and serve at once. (Serves 2.)

Fruit Tapioca Cream Parfait

Scald—
2 cups milk.
Stir in—
3 tablespoons tapioca.
Cook five minutes after scalding point is reached.
Combine—
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
⅛ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla.
Add gradually to milk and tapioca mixture, stirring constantly.
Beat until stiff—
1 egg white.
Add gradually to egg white—
3 tablespoons sugar.

Fold meringue gradually into hot mixture. Chill. Serve in tall dessert glasses in alternate layers with fruit sauce. (Makes 4 servings.)

Fruit Sauce for Parfait

Combine—
1 can strained apricots and apple sauce
1 tablespoon sugar or light corn syrup or honey
1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Serve on Fruit Tapico Cream Parfait. Makes one-half cup.

Note: A can of strained pears and pineapple may be substituted for the strained apricots and apple sauce if lemon juice is increased to two tablespoons.

News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Malcolm and two children expect to spend Christmas Eve and Day with her parents in Gideon.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. D. McAdams left Monday for Keytesville, Mo., to visit relatives over Christmas. Marshall Walker accompanied them to Keytesville as their guest.

Mrs. J. F. Cox, Jr., Mrs. Val Sharp, Mrs. Garwood Sharp and Mrs. B. J. Murback were in Cape Thursday afternoon, and were accompanied to Sikeston by Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, who had visited Mrs. R. S. Rutledge for a week.

Mrs. Ella Old went to Moberly, Mo., Friday to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Old during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson of Kennett will be guests in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Christmas Day.

Staff Sgt. C. B. Johnston and K. C. Johnston, both of Randolph Field, Texas, arrived last Thursday night to visit their sister, Mrs. P. A. McDougal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews were in Memphis, Tenn., last Wednesday and Thursday, and were accompanied home by their son, Bob, who flew to Memphis from Orlando, Fla. Bob is a student at Rolins College, Winter Park, Fla.

Mrs. Barney Wagner entertained her Rook Club and additional guests at a Christmas party in her home Thursday night.

William Clifford Brown visited his grandmother, Mrs. Rinda Scott in Charleston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll will spend Christmas Day in Fredericktown with the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Francis. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll were dinner guests in the home of Mr. Carroll's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Carroll at Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Caplinger have gone to Jefferson City to visit their daughter and son the later's family, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young are planning to entertain at a family dinner in their home on Christmas Day, which is anticipated as an annual event. Covers will be laid for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penney of Poplar Bluff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Jr., of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Francis, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and baby, Dick Young and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, their daughter, Betty, and son, Billy, left Sunday morning for Jacksonville, Ill., to visit Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. J. E. Huckeby, during the holidays.

Mrs. Rickard Barnett of Julesburg, Colo., is expected to arrive Christmas Eve to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welch for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan went to St. Louis last Thursday to visit their son, Amos Buchanan and family, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Roush will be dinner guests in the home of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie in Charleston, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Pickett will be guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pickett Christmas Eve and Day.

Miss Mary Hinchey of Chicago is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sue Hinchey this week.

Mrs. G. W. Clark and her sister, Mrs. Al Daily, who are residing in the home of Mrs. Kate Greer on North Kingshighway, have gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Liar have invited the following members of the family to dinner on Christmas Day: Mrs. Julia Rowe, Herbert Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lair and son, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Salmon and daughter, Miss Louise of Kennett, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mattingly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lair and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Chaffee will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield Wednesday.

Miss Esther Duncan of Jefferson City will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Duncan this week.

Marshall Walker spent the week end in Charleston as the guest of Judge and Mrs. Chas. E. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh and Mrs. Elizabeth Leigh were guests Friday of Mrs. L. L. Conatser in Kennett.

Mrs. William Lesley, who was a surgical patient in Barnes Hospital for two weeks, has returned to her home in Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp and two children of Gideon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Malcolm Friday.

Miss Peg Donnell invited a group of friends to her home Saturday afternoon to meet her house guests informally.

Mr. and Mrs. Garwood Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyce were in St. Louis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Malone of Baltimore, Md., will spend the Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell.

Mrs. Ruby Hamby, who is employed in St. Louis expects to spend Christmas Day in Sikeston with her mother, Mrs. Dora Suver, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Hamby.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church held their Christmas party last week at the home of Mrs. W. I. Sidwell on South Kingshighway. The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lon Nall with Mrs. John Husher, Mrs. M. P. Tinder and Mrs. V. T. Crowe,

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dover's Christmas guests are their three sons who arrived in Sikeston over the week end. Joe Dover is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Bob belongs to the U. S. Navy and has just received his transfer from Pensacola, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., where he goes after his visit here, and John is a student at Central College in Fayette, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Williams will entertain at a family dinner on Christmas Day for the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Leman Shell, and two sons, Billy and Lee of Hunterville, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Shell and baby daughter, Margaret Ann of Sikeston and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Hayden of Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolard Baker and their two daughters of St. Louis, who are spending several days in Memphis, Tenn., as guests of Mr. Baker's mother, Mrs. Florence Baker, are expected to visit Mrs. J. E. Dover during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Brown and daughter, Shirley Jean will visit relatives in Kennett Christmas Day and Mrs. Brown and her daughter plan to visit there the remainder of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Carroll are planning to have a family dinner at their home Christmas Day for the following relatives, Mrs. Robt. Ragland and son of DuQuoin, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weeks and family of New Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branum of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard Kirk expect to leave Sunday, Dec. 29, for New Orleans, La., to remain until after the Sugar Bowl Game on Jan. 1.

Mrs. C. C. White expects to be the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sherwood in Dexter Christmas Day.

Nation's Christmas Bill Set at $62 per Family; Toys Cost $183,000,000

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The array around Am n Christmas trees this season, ing toys, will cost each f average of $62.50, acco liable surveys.

There's another Between 250,000 an persons are being added ation's payrolls during th ay rush, and the turnover s raise total 1940 sales for the r to at least last year's volu of nearly $40,000,000,000.

Camel Distributes Gifts To Children in Syria

Christmas gifts are presented by a camel in Syria. The youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men is called the Camel of Jesus. It performs the task each year of distributing presents.

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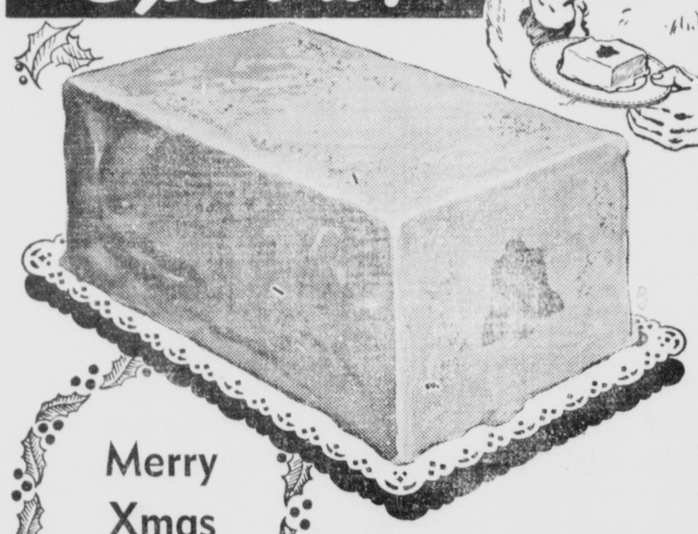

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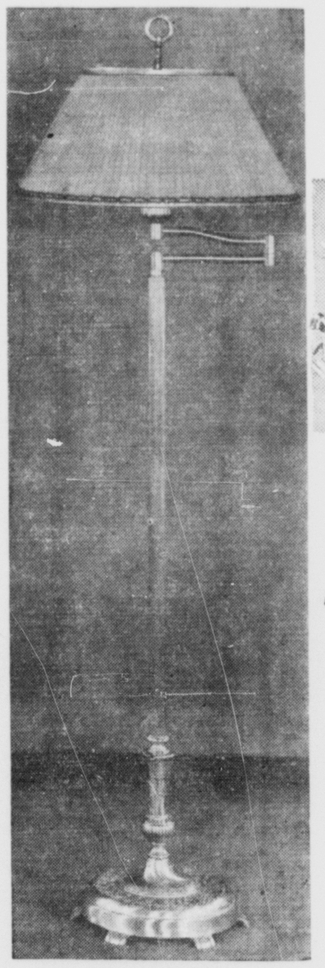

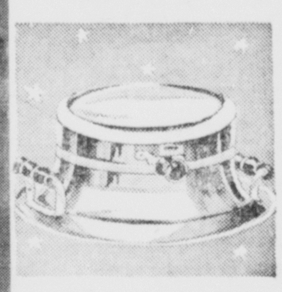

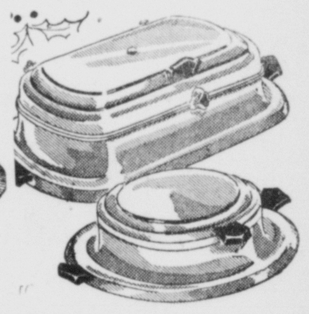

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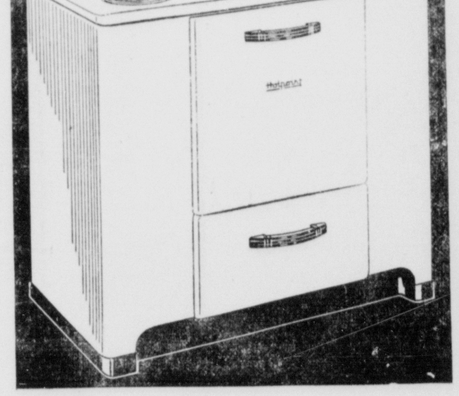

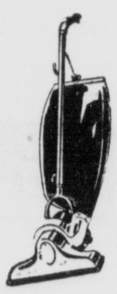

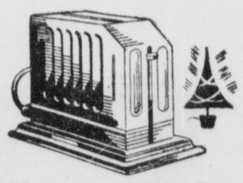

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